

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued**House committee:** 5-1-1**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**House floor:** 49-8-3**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** None**Action:****Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

Prepared By: Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/19, 2/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits dedication of “Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway” on portion of U.S. Highway 26 within Warm Springs Reservation. Allows 100 percent disabled veterans to pay discounted fee for annual medical marijuana cards.. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

[-A4 amendment – identical to measure as-introduced – adopted 02.19.2014] Establishes lottery raffle game to benefit education and economic development for veterans. Requires Oregon State Lottery Commission to create game and Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to create corresponding program. Provides dedicated accounting structure.

[-A5 amendment – adopted 02.19.2014] States that private employers may prefer to hire and promote service members; veterans; surviving spouses of deceased veterans; and spouses of veterans totally disabled from enemy action or service-related accident.

[-A6 amendment] Incorporates -A4 and -A5 and removes language permitting 100% disabled veterans to pay discounted free for annual medical marijuana card.

BACKGROUND: There are 499 veterans who are members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. In addition, to sharing experiences with all veterans, they have a unique history and heritage, being members of a sovereign nation located within Oregon’s borders, who have served the United States through conflicts going back to the founding of the Warm Springs Reservation and the Early Indian Wars, to present day, with courage and distinction.

House Bill 4023A names a portion of U.S. Highway 26 within the boundaries of the Warm Springs Reservation in their honor, the “Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway.”

House Bill 4023A also allows any veteran who is 100 percent disabled as a result of their service, to obtain their annual medical marijuana card at the discounted price.