

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep.
Carrier – Senate: Sen.

Revenue: No impact
Fiscal: Minimal impact

Action:

Vote:

House

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Senate

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Meeting Date: [Full Committee Meeting Date]

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits dedication of “Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway” on portion of U.S. Highway 26 within Warm Springs Reservation. Establishes lottery raffle game to benefit education and economic development for veterans. Requires Oregon State Lottery Commission (the Commission) to create game and Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (DCCWD) to create corresponding program. Provides dedicated accounting structure. 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. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: (- B8 amendment) strikes language related to a lottery game, of which proceeds were directed to benefit education and economic development for veterans.

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 4023B 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.”

Reintegration to civilian life is a challenging transition for many veterans. Employment provides stability that improves outcomes for veterans and their families. In support of veterans, many private employers prefer to hire and promote veterans and their spouses.