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House Bill 4023

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Designates portion of U.S. Highway 26 within Warm Springs Reservation as Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway.

[Directs Oregon State Lottery Commission to establish lottery game to benefit veterans' education and economic development.]

[Directs Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to establish program to provide or facilitate education, training and economic opportunities that benefit veterans. Establishes Veterans' Lottery Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development for purposes of program.]

[Allocates revenues from veteran-related lottery game to Veterans' Lottery Fund.]

Permits private, nonpublic employer to give preference in hiring and promotion of employees to members of uniformed service, uniformed service veterans, spouses of permanently and totally disabled uniformed service veterans and widows and widowers of uniformed service veterans.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to veterans; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas the Warm Springs Reservation was founded by the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle
4 Oregon, 12 Stat. 963 (1855); and

5 Whereas the sovereign tribes and bands, now recognized as the Confederated Tribes of the
6 Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, have continued to operate, governing under a constitutional
7 form of government; and

8 Whereas veterans who are members of the Confederated Tribes have served the United States
9 of America with distinction and honor and have made willing sacrifices during our nation's wars,
10 conflicts and national security missions dating to the Early Indian Wars of Oregon; and

11 Whereas the State of Oregon has honored veterans, including veterans of foreign wars, with
12 honorific signs on U.S. Highway 97, Interstate 84, Interstate 205, State Highway 126 and State
13 Highway 62 as a tribute to all of the men and women who have answered our nation's call to mili-
14 tary service; and

15 Whereas the State of Oregon has not designated any highway in Oregon to honor the unique
16 history and heritage of veterans of the Confederated Tribes since the founding of the Warm Springs
17 Reservation; and

18 Whereas an approximately 35-mile section of U.S. Highway 26, which traverses the Warm
19 Springs Reservation, lies within a right of way granted by the United States in accordance with 25
20 U.S.C. 311 and is not named for or designated to honor any veteran; and

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Whereas an honorary designation of the portion of U.S. Highway 26 that traverses the Warm
2 Springs Reservation does not require a change in the name or designation of the highway; and

3 Whereas The Museum at Warm Springs on U.S. Highway 26 contains memorials and displays
4 commemorating a call to serve our nation in the defense of peace, freedom and vital national in-
5 terests by veterans who are members of the Confederated Tribes; and

6 Whereas 499 veterans who are members of the Confederated Tribes are listed as having an-
7 swered our nation's call to duty and served with honor, dedication and selfless conviction, and some
8 of those veterans made the supreme sacrifice, giving their lives in defense of our nation during the
9 following eras of armed hostilities and related missions:

10 Early Indian Wars of Oregon (Modoc and Snake Indian Wars) - 97;

11 World War I - 14;

12 World War II - 114;

13 Korean War - 97;

14 Vietnam War - 107;

15 Global War on Terrorism - 70; and

16 Whereas Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4217 in Warm Springs is named in honor of Elliott
17 Palmer, an Army veteran killed during World War II; and

18 Whereas American Legion Post 48 is named in honor of Eugene A. "Cougar" Greene Sr., a dis-
19 tinguished recipient of the Army Silver Star, which he earned in the Korean War for conspicuous
20 courage under enemy fire; and

21 Whereas designation of U.S. Highway 26 as the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway will
22 preserve and foster a sense of patriotism and honor the enduring warrior spirit for all tribal veter-
23 ans and their families, tribal members, all military veterans and highway travelers; and

24 Whereas the Warm Springs community and veterans have offered to pay for the design, fabri-
25 cation, installation and maintenance of signs meeting standards of the Department of Transportation
26 without cost to taxpayers or the State of Oregon; now, therefore,

27 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

28 **SECTION 1. (1) The portion of U.S. Highway 26 within the Warm Springs Reservation**
29 **shall be known as the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway.**

30 **(2) The Department of Transportation shall place and maintain suitable markers along**
31 **the highway described in this section that indicate the designation of the highway as the**
32 **Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway.**

33 **(3)(a) The department may accept moneys from, and may enter into agreements with,**
34 **veterans groups to create, install and maintain the markers.**

35 **(b) The department may not use public funds for the installation and maintenance of the**
36 **markers.**

37 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "service" and "uniformed service" have the**
38 **meanings given those terms in ORS 659A.082.**

39 **(2) A private, nonpublic employer may give preference in the hiring and promotion of**
40 **employees to:**

41 **(a) A person who is performing, or has performed, service in the uniformed service;**

42 **(b) If a person has performed service in the uniformed service and has been determined**
43 **by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled**
44 **as the result of enemy action or a service-related accident, the spouse of the person; and**

45 **(c) The widow or widower of a person who performed service in the uniformed service.**

1 **SECTION 3. This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.**

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