

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Ways and Means****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates General Fund dollars to Oregon Military Department (OMD) for purposes of Oregon Military Museum. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Appropriates amount of \$1 million. Deletes section legislating salary.

BACKGROUND: In 1975, the Oregon Military Department established the Oregon Military Museum as the official state repository for military weapons, documents, and artifacts relating to the military history of the citizens of Oregon. The Museum was located in several buildings at the Oregon National Guard's Camp Withycombe until 2009, when it closed for the duration of a base realignment project. The Museum's contents and artifacts were relocated to the 1954 Clackamas Armory Building for storage, and the effort to expand and deepen its interpretive scope began.

In 2012, the Museum was renamed in honor of Brigadier General James B. Thayer (ORSDF, Ret.), one of Oregon's finest leaders, both military and civic. The Museum's mission is to tell the story of Oregon's military heritage, collect and ensure access to historical artifacts and archives, preserve items in its custody, and educate and inspire visitors. The Museum aspires to provide visitors with a high-quality experience - through exhibits, living history, and interpretive programs - that honors the service and commitment and of Oregon's service men and women for generations to come.

Senate Bill 408 appropriates \$1 million General Fund dollars to support The Brigadier General James B. Thayer Oregon Military Museum.