

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: HB 2036
CARRIER: Rep. Huffman

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/10/15

Action: Do Pass And Rescind Subsequent Referral To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 02/05, 02/10

House

Yeas: 6 - Boone, Esquivel, Piluso, Lively, Parrish, Huffman

Exc: 1 - Evans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates portion of U.S. Highway 395 as "World War I Veterans Memorial Highway;" Interstate 5 as "Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway," and "Purple Heart Trail;" and U.S. Highway 101 as "Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway." Directs Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to place and maintain markers. Permits acceptance of funds and agreements with Veterans' groups to that end. Prohibits use of public funds. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 45 States have already designated "Purple Heart Trail"
- This measure would complete the first 'border to border' "Purple Heart Trail" anywhere, from Canada to Mexico

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Designating the Oregon portion of Interstate 5 completes the missing link between California's and Washington's Purple Heart Trail. Similar legislation was passed by the Oregon House in 2014, designating the portion of U.S. 26 within the Warm Springs Reservation as the "Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway" and prohibiting Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) from using public funds.

House Bill 2036 combines three border-to-border highway initiatives honoring Oregon veterans of the First World War, Korean War, Persian Gulf War, and the Global War on Terror.