

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/31/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. Refer To Ways And Means By Prior Reference
(Printed A-Eng).

Meeting Dates: 02/03, 03/31

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$1 million General Fund to Oregon Military Department (OMD) for Oregon Military Museum. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Preserving Oregon servicemember's histories and stories

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Appropriates \$1 million General Fund. Deletes section legislating salary.

BACKGROUND:

In 1975, the Oregon Military Department established the Oregon Military Museum (the Museum) as the official state repository for military weapons, documents, and artifacts relating to the military history of citizens of Oregon. The Museum was located in several buildings at the Oregon National Guard's Camp Withycombe until 2009, when it closed during a base realignment project. The Museum's contents and artifacts were relocated to the 1954 Clackamas Armory Building for storage and it remains closed to the public.

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 of Oregon's service men and women for generations to come.

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