

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:**

**Action:**

**Meeting Dates:**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

In memoriam, Specialist Cody James Patterson.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Cody James Patterson was born April 12, 1989, in Corvallis, Oregon. He spent his childhood primarily in Philomath and Benton County, where he was also active in the Peace Lutheran Church. He was a civic-minded young man and captain of his high school football team. He graduated from Philomath High School in 2007 and went on to work while also attending Linn-Benton Community College before joining the Army in 2011. He completed the Basic Airborne Course, graduated from RASP (the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program) and was assigned to Company B, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as a rifleman for both of his deployments to Afghanistan. He was killed by an improvised explosive device on October 6, 2013, during combat operations in Kandahar Province in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was promoted to Specialist posthumously, and among his awards are the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, the Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart, and the NATO Medal. He is remembered for his intelligence, kindness, humor, humility, and generosity; and for his fearless commitment to his mission and his country. House Concurrent Resolution 205 honors him.