

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

In memoriam, Sergeant Donald R. Walters.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Donald Walters was born September 16, 1969, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The family moved to Oregon in 1981 and he graduated from North Salem High School in 1988. He followed in his father's footsteps when he joined the Army, and he served during the Persian Gulf War guarding Iraqi prisoners. After 1991, he was in and out of the Army for a time, coping with his experiences; but after September 11th, he renewed himself to serve his country once again. He was captured by Iraqi fighters near Nasiriya, Iraq, and executed on March 23, 2003. He was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his heroism in combat. He was known for his work ethic, kind demeanor, and protective nature. He believed deeply in family and freedom. House Concurrent Resolution 207 honors him.