

HB 2100 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates Interstate 5 from Oregon's southern border with California and ending at its intersection with Interstate 205, and from this intersection continuing along Interstate 205 to Oregon's northern border with Washington, as the "Oregon Medal of Honor Highway." Directs the Department of Transportation (ODOT) to install and maintain signage identifying same, and naming individual Oregonian Medal of Honor recipients, as specified. Prohibits use of public funds. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

Fiscal: Minimal Expenditure Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The -1 amendment modifies the original bill in following primary ways. First, the route is changed from Interstate 5 and continuing to Interstate 205 to U.S Highway 20. Secondly, the name of the conflict to which the Medal of Honor recipient is associated is changed to the year the person received the Medal of Honor. Finally, due to the change in the route of the Medal of Honor Highway, some Whereas clauses are deleted and some new clauses are added.

BACKGROUND:

The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest award for military valor. Oregon has been home to 26 Medal of Honor recipients, from the Civil War to Vietnam.

House Bill 2100 allows these 26 recipients to be recognized along Interstate 5 from Oregon's southern border with California and ending at the Interstate 205 intersection, and continuing along Interstate 205 to Oregon's northern border with Washington with the installation of memorial road signs so designated the "Oregon Medal of Honor Highway."