

SB 320 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 3/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$3,500,000 General Fund dollars for Oregon Military Museum for 2017-19 biennium. Takes effect July 1, 2017.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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 320 appropriates \$3.5 million General Fund dollars to support The Brigadier General James B. Thayer Oregon Military Museum.