

## HB 2100 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Designates portion of U.S. Highway 20 between Newport, Oregon, and Idaho state line the "Oregon Medal of Honor Highway" and directs Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to install and maintain signage. Requires ODOT to install and maintain further signage at rest areas and turnouts identifying individual Medal of Honor recipients, as specified. Prohibits use of public funds. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

[-A6 amendment] Permits, rather than requires, ODOT to install and maintain signage at rest areas and turnouts along Highway 20 identifying current and future individual Medal of Honor recipients. Reorganizes content of underlying measure. Changes number of wars from seven to eight. Changes number of communities associated with recipients from 11 to 12. References HCR 1 (2017) and lists each community designated a Medal of Honor community. Describes intent to install signs for individual recipients in corresponding communities. Changes percentage of total recipients honored from about 50 to about 57 percent.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest award for military valor. From the Civil War to the Vietnam War, 26 Medal of Honor recipients have called Oregon home. Currently only one recipient is living in Oregon, who is also the nation's oldest Medal of Honor recipient.

House Bill 2100A designates Highway 20 from Newport to the border with Idaho, the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway. It directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to install signs and markers identifying it as such, and to honor Oregon's 26 Medal of Honor recipients by name at rest areas and turn outs.