

HB 2100 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Carrier: Rep. Huffman

Action Date: 03/16/17
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 7-0-1-0
Yeas: 7 - Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Parrish, Post
Exc: 1 - Boone
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates the portion of U.S. Highway 20, beginning in Newport, Oregon, and ending at the Idaho state line, as the "Oregon Medal of Honor Highway." Directs the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to install and maintain signage in roadside rest areas and turnarounds identifying individual Oregonian Medal of Honor recipients, with an image of the Medal of Honor, and the year of receipt, as specified. Prohibits use of public funds. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effects of the measure
- Quick Response (QR) codes on signs to permit access to more detailed information

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The sole amendment modified the original bill in the following primary ways. First, the route was changed from Interstate 5 and continuing to Interstate 205 up to the Washington State border to a completely different route. The new route runs West-East, along U.S. Highway 20, beginning at Newport, Oregon. Secondly, the name of the conflict to which the Medal of Honor recipient is associated was 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 were deleted and some new clauses were 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 the Vietnam War.

House Bill 2100-A allows these 26 recipients to be recognized along the portion of U.S. Highway 20, beginning in Newport, Oregon, and ending at the Idaho state line, with the installation of memorial road signs designating it the "Oregon Medal of Honor Highway."