

**SB 993 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Olsen

**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**Action Date:** 04/04/17

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 4-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Designates every August 7th "Oregon Purple Heart Recognition Day."

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Purple Heart is a particular honor, bestowed on members of every branch of the Armed Services wounded or killed in combat going back to 1917, as well as affiliated civilians between 1942 and 1997. More than 21,000 Oregonians are estimated to be eligible. Many Oregon cities have officially designated themselves Purple Heart Cities through the actions of their local governments, and in 2015, the State likewise became a Purple Heart State through legislative action. Senate Bill 993 takes a further step, designating every August 7th, "Oregon Purple Heart Recognition Day."