

SB 796 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Manning Jr

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 04/06/17
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 3-0-1-0
Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen
Exc: 1 - President Courtney
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates "Oregon Wounded Warrior " parking designation for individuals with service-connected disabilities of at least 50 percent, to allow them to occupy public, time-limited and metered spaces without penalty or payment. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Providing something extra for disabled veterans
- Existing parking permits for disabled persons
- Implementation alternatives to reduce fiscal impact
- Fiscal impact on cities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Conforms language concerning service and type of discharge to be consistent with existing law.

BACKGROUND:

Current law provides certain parking privileges for disabled persons that are not available to others in the form of a standard placard or a wheelchair permit. A standard placard allows parking in designated spaces. A wheelchair permit allows parking in spaces designated for wheelchairs only; for free in metered spaces; and in time-limited spaces for longer than otherwise allowed. Local jurisdictions also have the discretion to authorize additional privileges to individuals with standard placards.

Senate Bill 796-A creates an "Oregon Wounded Warrior" designation for certain qualifying disabled veterans, to allow them to park for free and without penalty in metered and time-limited public spaces.