

**SB 1021 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**Action Date:** 04/13/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

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

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

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of amendment

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure.

**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. Until 2009, the Museum was located in several buildings at the Oregon National Guard's Camp Withycombe, but when it closed during a base realignment project, its contents and artifacts were relocated to the 1954 Clackamas Armory Building for storage, not accessible 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 1021-A appropriates \$3.5 million General Fund dollars to support The Brigadier General James B. Thayer Oregon Military Museum.