

SB 993 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Lively

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 05/11/17
Action: Do Pass.
Vote: 6-0-2-0
Yeas: 6 - Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Parrish, Post
Exc: 2 - Boone, Esquivel
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 award bestowed upon members of every branch of the Armed Services who have been wounded or killed in combat going back to 1917, as well as affiliated civilians between 1942 and 1997. August 7th is National Purple Heart Day. More than 21,000 Oregonians are estimated to be eligible for the Purple Heart award. Many Oregon cities have officially designated themselves Purple Heart Cities through the actions of their local governments, and in 2015, the State of Oregon 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."