

HB 2880 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Boquist

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 05/16/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 3-0-1-0

Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, President Courtney

Exc: 1 - Olsen

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands definition of "public building" for purpose of displaying Oregon state flag and National League of Families' POW/MIA flag to include all county, municipal, school district and special district buildings where it is usual to display the United States flag.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Politicization of symbols

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Clarifies requirement that adequate flagpole is to be installed on any newly constructed county, municipal, school district and special district buildings on or after effective date.

BACKGROUND:

Current law requires the Oregon state flag and the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag to be displayed with the United States flag on public buildings that are capable of displaying them. Public buildings include state institutions, county courthouses and all other state buildings that the Oregon Department of Administrative Services determines are capable of displaying the three flags.

House Bill 2880A expands the definition of "public building" to include county, municipal, school district and special district buildings upon which it is customary and suitable to display the United States flag, so that the Oregon state flag and POW/MIA flag will also be displayed.