

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2100

Ordered by the House March 20
Including House Amendments dated March 20

Sponsored by Representative HUFFMAN, Senator KNOPP, Representative WHISNANT; Representative MCLANE
(at the request of LTC Dick Tobiason) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Provides that [*portions of Interstate 5 and Interstate 205*] **portion of U.S. Highway 20** shall be known as Oregon Medal of Honor Highway.

Directs Department of Transportation to install roadside memorial signs that recognize and honor Oregon's Medal of Honor recipients.

Takes effect on 91st date following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to highways; and prescribing an effective date.

3 Whereas the Medal of Honor is our nation's highest award for valor presented to veterans of
4 the Armed Forces of the United States for acting above and beyond the call of duty during combat
5 and at the risk of death to oneself; and

6 Whereas Oregon has been home to 26 Medal of Honor recipients from the United States Army,
7 United States Army Air Forces, United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps who served
8 during seven wars from the Civil War to Vietnam, a period of 108 years; and

9 Whereas Bend Heroes Foundation created the Oregon Medal of Honor Exhibit at Evergreen
10 Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville honoring all 26 recipients in a central location; and

11 Whereas 26 recipients have resided in, live in or were laid to rest in 11 cities and communities
12 across Oregon; and

13 Whereas U.S. Highway 20 in Oregon is the only major border to border highway not designated
14 to honor Oregon war veterans; and

15 Whereas U.S. Highway 20 in Oregon, at 451 miles in length, is the longest border to border
16 highway in Oregon; and

17 Whereas U.S. Highway 20 in Oregon includes the city of Corvallis, home of World War I Medal
18 of Honor recipient Edward C. Allworth, and the city of Bend, home of World War II Medal of Honor
19 recipient Robert D. Maxwell; and

20 Whereas U.S. Highway 20 would be the first such border to border highway in our nation hon-
21 oring all of Oregon's recipients if designated as the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway; and

22 Whereas U.S. Highway 20, at 3,365 miles in length, spans our nation from Newport, Oregon, to
23 Boston, Massachusetts, traverses 12 states and is the longest highway in our nation; and

24 Whereas U.S. Highway 20 as a national Medal of Honor Highway across our nation would honor
25 1,987 accredited recipients in 12 states, or about 50 percent of all recipients of the Medal of Honor;
26 and

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Whereas designating U.S. Highway 20 in Oregon as the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway would
2 set an example for creating the first American Medal of Honor Highway across America; and

3 Whereas Mr. Robert D. Maxwell, a World War II veteran, at 96 years of age is our nation's
4 oldest living Medal of Honor recipient of all wars, lives in Bend and is the only Medal of Honor
5 recipient living in Oregon; and

6 Whereas Oregon's Medal of Honor recipients are not presently honored by Medal of Honor
7 markers in their communities; and

8 Whereas Oregon deeply appreciates the service and sacrifice of its Medal of Honor recipients
9 and the positive roles they have played in their communities across Oregon for more than 100 years;
10 and

11 Whereas Oregon's veterans have offered to pay the cost to create, install and maintain signs for
12 the "Oregon Medal of Honor Highway"; now, therefore,

13 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

14 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall install and maintain roadside**
15 **memorial signs in roadside rest areas and turnouts recognizing this state's recipients of the**
16 **Medal of Honor. The signs must include the recipient's name, an image of the Medal of Honor**
17 **the recipient received and the year the recipient received the medal. The names of the 26**
18 **recipients, the year they received the Medal of Honor and the locations of the signs are as**
19 **follows:**

- 20 (a) Alaric B. Chapin, 1914, near Portland.
- 21 (b) Hartwell B. Compson, 1865, near Portland.
- 22 (c) Nathan H. Edgerton, 1898, near Agness.
- 23 (d) Louis Renninger, 1894, near Eugene.
- 24 (e) James Jackson, 1896, near Portland.
- 25 (f) Nicholas Meaher, 1870, near Jordan Valley.
- 26 (g) Lewis Phife, 1869, near Salem.
- 27 (h) Frank C. High, 1899, near Medford.
- 28 (i) Charles E. Kilbourne, 1905, near Portland.
- 29 (j) Marcus W. Robertson, 1906, near Hood River.
- 30 (k) Jacob Volz, 1911, near Portland.
- 31 (L) John A. Murphy, 1901, near Portland.
- 32 (m) Harry D. Fadden, 1903, near The Dalles.
- 33 (n) Edward C. Allworth, 1919, near Corvallis.
- 34 (o) Arnold L. Bjorklund, 1944, near Portland.
- 35 (p) Arthur J. Jackson, 1945, near Portland.
- 36 (q) David R. Kingsley, 1945, near Portland.
- 37 (r) Robert D. Maxwell, 1945, near Bend.
- 38 (s) Henry Schauer, 1944, near Salem.
- 39 (t) Stuart S. Stryker, 1945, near Portland.
- 40 (u) Stanley T. Adams, 1951, near The Dalles.
- 41 (v) Loren R. Kaufman, 1951, near The Dalles.
- 42 (w) Larry G. Dahl, 1971, near Portland.
- 43 (x) John N. Holcomb, 1969, near Richland.
- 44 (y) Gary W. Martini, 1967, near Portland.
- 45 (z) Maximo Yabes, 1967, near Eugene.

1 **(2)(a) The department may accept moneys from and may enter into agreements with**
2 **veterans groups to create, install and maintain the signs. The department may determine the**
3 **number of signs per city used to recognize the individuals connected to that city. More than**
4 **one individual may be recognized on one sign.**

5 **(b) The department may not use public funds for the installation and maintenance of the**
6 **signs.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) The portion of U.S. Highway 20 beginning in Newport, Oregon, and ending**
8 **at the Idaho state line shall also be known as the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway.**

9 **(2) The Department of Transportation shall place and maintain along U.S. Highway 20**
10 **suitable markers that include the designation of the highway as the Oregon Medal of Honor**
11 **Highway.**

12 **(3)(a) The department may accept moneys from and may enter into agreements with**
13 **veterans groups to create, install and maintain the markers.**

14 **(b) The department may not use public funds for the installation and maintenance of the**
15 **markers.**

16 **SECTION 3. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017**
17 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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