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TO: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

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SUBJECT: SB 1506, Wounded Warrior Parking Permits

INTRODUCTION

Senate Bill 1506 directs the issuance of a Wounded Warrior Parking permit for military veterans with 50% or more service-connected disability and who qualify for a disabled person parking permit. ODOT-DMV would implement this bill with a manual process.

DISCUSSION

ODOT's Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) issues parking permits for people with disabilities involving restricted mobility. Those permits grant certain parking privileges. Under current law a standard placard allows parking in a spot designated for disabled persons, unless designated for wheelchair users only. A "wheelchair user" permit grants that, as well as parking in a time-limited spot for greater than the time allowed on the sign, and free parking at a metered spot. Local jurisdictions also may, at their discretion, allow those additional privileges to holders of standard placards.

The bill would create a new type of permit for Oregon Wounded Warriors. The permit would be available to military veterans who qualify for a disabled person parking permit, who also have at least 50% service-connected disability. The parking benefits would be almost the same as the "wheelchair user" permit, except that parking in a spot designated for wheelchair users only would not be available. That is, the placard allows free parking at metered spots and unlimited parking at time-limited spots regardless of the jurisdiction in which one is parking.

The designation would be noted by a specially designed sticker attached to an existing placard.

SUMMARY

The Wounded Warrior parking placard would grant an enhanced parking benefit to those veterans who qualify. If passed, DMV would implement the bill with a simple manual process.