

SB 1506 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

SB 1506 creates a “Oregon Wounded Warrior” parking permit for veterans with a service-related total disability of at least 50%, who received a discharge or release under other than dishonorable conditions. The wounded warrior permit would allow the holder to park for free in metered and time-limited public parking spaces. The measure takes effect upon passage. The Oregon Department of Transportation is required to begin issuing the new permits on January 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of permits at Snow Park facilities
- Comparison to other parking permit types
- Penalty for misuse of parking placard and permits

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current law provides parking privileges for disabled persons in the form of a disabled person placard or a wheelchair user placard. A disabled user placard allows parking in spaces reserved for the disabled. A wheelchair user placard allows parking in spaces designated for disabled or wheelchair users, free parking in metered spaces, and unlimited parking in time-limited spaces. Local jurisdictions have the discretion to authorize additional privileges to individuals with disabled person parking placards.