

SB 1506 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date: 02/07/18

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen

Exc: 1 - Girod

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates “Oregon Wounded Warrior” parking designation for individuals with service-connected total disability rating of at least 50 percent and who received a discharge or release under other than dishonorable conditions. Specifies that designation allows designee to park in public, time-limited, and metered spaces without penalty or payment. Portions become operative January 1, 2019. Declares emergency, takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How Oregon Department of Transportation will implement the new placard
- Benefit to veterans

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, while 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.

Senate Bill 1506 creates an “Oregon Wounded Warrior” designation for certain qualifying disabled veterans, to allow them to park for free and without penalty in metered and time-limited public spaces. The measure gives rulemaking authority to the Oregon Department of Transportation to determine the application process to request an “Oregon Wounded Warrior” placard.