

SB 1506 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Reardon

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 02/28/18

Action: Do Pass.

House Vote

Yeas: 10 - Gomberg, Holvey, Nathanson, Noble, Rayfield, Smith G, Smith Warner, Stark, Whisnant, Williamson

Exc: 1 - McLane

Senate Vote

Yeas: 10 - DeBoer, Frederick, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Manning Jr, Monroe, President Courtney, Roblan, Steiner Hayward

Exc: 2 - Thomsen, Winters

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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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.