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SUMMARY

Dedicates portion of State Capitol State Park to Vietnam War memorial to be funded and constructed by qualified nonprofit corporation. Exempts memorial from certain land use laws.

Directs State Parks and Recreation Department to maintain finished memorial.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a memorial to Oregon's Vietnam War veterans; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 Whereas there were over 700 Oregonians killed in action in the Vietnam
5 War; and

6 Whereas over 57,000 Oregonians served their country as warriors in
7 Vietnam; and

8 Whereas over 180,000 Oregonians served their country in military duty
9 during the Vietnam era, of which about 100,000 are alive today; and

10 Whereas over 9 million Americans served in the military during the
11 Vietnam era and 2.7 million served in Vietnam; and

12 Whereas the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has stated
13 that approximately 14,000 Oregon Vietnam veterans have passed away be-
14 tween 2015 and 2020; and

15 Whereas there is not a Vietnam War Memorial in proximity to the State
16 Capitol; and

17 Whereas it is imperative to memorialize the service and sacrifice of all
18 who served during the tumultuous decades of the Vietnam War; now, there-

fore,

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

SECTION 1. (1) The portion of the State Capitol State Park that is the southwest corner of the park, just to the south of the World War II memorial, is hereby dedicated to a Vietnam War memorial.

(2) A Vietnam War memorial constructed under this section is an outright permitted use without taking an exception under ORS 197.732 to the statewide land use planning goals or changing the acknowledged comprehensive plan or land use regulations of Marion County.

(3) The State Parks and Recreation Department shall maintain the finished memorial.

SECTION 2. (1) The Vietnam War memorial described in section 1 of this 2021 Act is to be funded and constructed by a nonprofit corporation that is:

(a) Organized in this state; and

(b) Dedicated to establishing a Vietnam War memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol State Park.

(2) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the nonprofit corporation, to the extent permitted by law, including laws related to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice to the nonprofit corporation that the corporation considers necessary to complete the Vietnam War memorial described in section 1 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.