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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.

## 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

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-

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

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

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

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

12 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Vietnam War memorial described in section 1  
13 of this 2021 Act is to be funded and constructed by a nonprofit corpo-  
14 ration that is:

15 (a) Organized in this state; and

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

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

24 **SECTION 3.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-  
25 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-  
26 clared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.