

**SB 528 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Provides for roadside memorial signs to be installed and maintained by the Oregon Department of Transportation to recognize firefighters killed in the line of duty.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Including firefighters among those eligible to obtain roadside memorial signs
- Importance of remembering and honoring individual fallen firefighters

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2011, the Legislature passed House Bill 3039, establishing the Roadside Memorial Fund to receive and appropriate monies to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to erect roadside memorial signs commemorating law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Pursuant to House Bill 3039, signs are erected when a concurrent resolution recognizing the police officer is adopted by the Legislature and ODOT receives funds to cover the cost of installation and maintenance. House Bill 2708 (2013) was modeled after House Bill 3039, to include members of the Armed Forces killed in action.

Senate Bill 528, extends the availability of roadside memorial signs to include firefighters killed in the line of duty.