

HB 3418 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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Meeting Dates: 4/29, 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates the portion of the McKenzie Highway that will be known as the Johnny Miner Memorial Highway. Directs the Department of Transportation to place markers indicating the designation of the Johnny Miner Memorial Highway.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recollections of Johnny Miner

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The McKenzie Highway, Oregon 242, is part of the McKenzie Pass- Santiam Pass National Scenic Byway. The highway was originally built in the 1870's with private funding and became an Oregon State Highway in 1925. The McKenzie section location begins at the Oregon 126 junction near the McKenzie Bridge and at the U.S. Highway 20 and Oregon 126 at the City of Sisters. The McKenzie Highway closes to motorized vehicles during the winter season and typically reopens in the early summer after snow melts. The Oregon Department of Transportation estimates that approximately 300 cars travel the highway per day during the summer.

Dr. Johnny Miner assisted in organizing a group of dentists in Grants Pass and Josephine County regions to provide oral health care and was a founding board member of Advantage Dental. A portion of McKenzie Highway is named after him to honor his commitment of providing oral health care because the area near the highway was one of his favorite locations in Oregon. House Bill 3418 designates the portion of McKenzie Highway that will also be known as the Johnny Miner Memorial Highway and directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to place markers indicating the designation of the highway.