

SB 528 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Transportation to erect and maintain roadside memorial signs for firefighters killed in the line of duty. Requires payment of fee before Department may erect sign.

Senate floor vote: 30-0

Minimal fiscal impact

No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 3039, establishing the Roadside Memorial Fund to receive and appropriate moneys 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.