

SB 462 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Boquist

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 03/27/19

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-0-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Makes it explicit that persons who served in United States Naval Construction Force, or “Seabees,” are eligible to obtain vehicle registration plates for veterans.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Typical operation of construction battalions: usually flown in, first on site, protected by Marines, on/offloading equipment from ships, and establishing roadways, runways, infrastructure, et cetera
- Seabees are few in number

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation offers a variety of vehicle registration plates (commonly called license plates) that identify veterans and veteran groups. Plates are available that identify Medal of Honor recipients, Purple Heart recipients, disabled veterans, and former prisoners of war. Plates are also available that identify the families of service members who were killed in action during an armed conflict, known as Gold Star families. Registration plates that identify veterans or eligible veteran-related groups, have a white background with four preassigned letters in blue, over the word "veteran" and an image of the American flag.

Senate Bill 462 expressly includes individuals who served in the U.S. Naval Construction Force, or “Seabees,” as eligible to obtain veterans registration plates.