

HCR 1 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 04/17/19

Action: Do adopt the A-Eng measure.

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: 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes impending overseas deployment of Oregon National Guard's 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Expresses support for them and their families and honors their service and sacrifice.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team; its federal and state missions
- Number of Oregonians throughout the state serving in the National Guard, both full-time and part-time; their employers; their families
- Number of past deployments; preparation for five upcoming deployments
- During and post-deployment support
- First concurrent resolution of this kind
- Gratitude and good luck

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's 41st Infantry Division, nicknamed the "Sunset" Division, was formed in 1917 during World War 1, and served during both World War I and World War II. Reorganized years later as the 41st Infantry Brigade, it has since served in the Balkans and the Middle East, and has participated in disaster response domestically. The 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team was most recently deployed to Afghanistan in 2014-15, and is currently preparing for a 12-month deployment to potential locations, including Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe.

House Concurrent Resolution 1A recognizes the service and sacrifice of Oregon's citizen soldiers and their families and expresses support for them.