Senate Bill 528
Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON (at the request of Mary and Sandra Hales, Evelen Hudson, Eva Frost) (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY
The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to roadside memorial signs; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 366.932.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “firefighter” means any fire or forestry department employee, or authorized fire department volunteer, vested with the duty of preventing or combating fire or preventing the loss of life or property by fire.

(2) The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain a roadside memorial sign that commemorates a firefighter killed in the line of duty if:

(a) The Legislative Assembly adopts a concurrent resolution that recognizes the firefighter killed in the line of duty; and

(b) The department receives the payment of a fee determined by the department under subsection (3) of this section.

(3) The department shall determine the amount of the fee required under subsection (2)(b) of this section by rule. The fee may not exceed the direct and indirect expenses associated with erecting, maintaining and removing a roadside memorial sign.

(4) The department shall deposit the fees that the department collects under this section into the Roadside Memorial Fund established under ORS 366.932.

(5) A public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, may not expend moneys for the purpose of paying the fee required under subsection (2)(b) of this section.

(6) The department, by rule, shall establish the size, design and location of a roadside memorial sign erected under this section. The sign must include the name of the firefighter.

SECTION 2. ORS 366.932 is amended to read:

366.932. The Roadside Memorial Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the Roadside Memorial Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of ORS 366.930, 366.931 and 366.934 and section 1 of this 2019 Act.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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