

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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**Measure: SB 1542 - 1**

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**Measure Description:**

Dedicates portion of State Capitol State Park to Vietnam War memorial to be funded and constructed by qualified nonprofit corporation recognized and acknowledged by Director of Veterans' Affairs.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure are minimal at this time - See explanatory analysis.

**Analysis:**

SB 1542 with the -1 amendment dedicates the southwest corner of the State Capitol State Park for a Vietnam War Memorial. The bill specifies that the Memorial will be funded and constructed by an unspecified nonprofit corporation. The bill directs the State Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the finished Memorial. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on passage.

**Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)**

The proposed location of the Memorial may be located near the Fuchsia Bed, a historic landscape bed registered on the National Historic Landscape Plan. If placement of the proposed Memorial requires mitigation efforts to protect the historic bed (e.g. redesign of the bed or surrounding areas, tree removal, re-routing or repair of irrigation lines, and altered concrete work), OPRD estimates the cost of a contractor to complete this work to be approximately \$50,000. This fiscal assumes the nonprofit will be responsible for covering this expense. If the planned Memorial can be located without infringing on the Fuchsia Bed, there would be no costs associated with protecting the historic bed.

Under current practice the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) provides maintenance for the Capitol Park State Park. Existing administrative rules governing memorials within the Capitol State Park require an amount equal to 15% of the project replacement value to be deposited in the Recognition and Honorary Feature Maintenance Trust Fund for maintenance and repair. The full cost of the design, fabrication, and installation of the proposed Memorial cannot be quantified until the final Memorial design is approved. However, as a point of reference, the World War II Memorial, finished in 2014, located in the northwest corner of the Oregon Capitol State Park, cost approximately \$1.22 million to complete. Assuming the Vietnam War Memorial proposed by the nonprofit will have a comparable price tag, approximately \$180,000 will be required to meet the obligation to maintain the finished Memorial. This fiscal assumes the nonprofit will be responsible for reimbursing OPRD for this amount, but the budget for OPRD may need to be adjusted to accommodate the additional expenditures.

Existing administrative rules require entities interested in sponsoring honorary features in the State Capitol State Park to apply to the OPRD Director. Construction or installation of a memorial may not begin until the State Parks and Recreation Commission grants approval and the applicant has obtained all necessary permits. Because this fiscal analysis assumes the nonprofit corporation will follow this process and will be responsible for the funding and construction of the Memorial, the fiscal impact on OPRD is minimal.