

**SB 1542 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Lewis

**House Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 02/24/20

**Action:** Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

**Vote:** 6-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 6 - Drazan, Fahey, Holvey, Smith Warner, Sprenger, Zika

**Exc:** 1 - Nosse

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Dedicates portion of southwest corner of State Capitol State Park to a Vietnam War memorial. Makes memorial an outright permitted use notwithstanding planning goals or land use regulations. Requires State Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the finished memorial. Directs state agencies, including the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, to assist the nonprofit corporation during the memorial completion process. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Construction of memorial by the nonprofit
- Oregon State Parks review of the memorial design
- Place of welcome, recognition, and healing for Vietnam War veterans

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

There is currently no Vietnam War specific memorial dedicated and maintained by the State of Oregon. However, there are Vietnam War memorials throughout the state dedicated and maintained by counties, cities, and organizations. Several memorials are located on or around the State Capitol State Park, including the World War II Memorial, the Medal of Honor Memorials, the Fallen Trooper Memorial, and the Fallen Worker Memorial.

Senate Bill 1542-A dedicates and outright permits a portion of the State Capitol State Park to a Vietnam War memorial and directs state agencies to assist an Oregon Vietnam War memorial nonprofit during the design and construction process.