

HB 2700 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 3/30, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands roadside memorial signage for veterans killed in action to include those who were formerly designated as either prisoners of war or unaccounted for by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, with certain requirements, without the adoption of a concurrent resolution by the Legislative Assembly. Effective 91st day of sine die.

House Vote: Passed. Ayes, 55; Excused, 4--Evans, Leif, Rayfield, Smith Warner

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recognition of armed force members listed as missing in action from WW I to the present
- Reference to similar bill filed and not enacted, House Bill 4083 (2020)
- Relationship to companion bill, Senate Bill 441 (2021)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011, the Legislative Assembly established a Roadside Memorial Fund to receive and allocate moneys to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to erect memorial signs in honor of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. In 2013, the Legislative Assembly expanded the program to provide for roadside memorials in honor of fallen members of the Armed Forces. Between 2016 and 2018, thirty veterans were memorialized in this way.

House Bill 2700 allows for roadside memorial signs to be installed for service members killed in the line of duty who were previously designated as either prisoners of war or unaccounted for by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, with certain stipulations.