

SB 790 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Knopp

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 03/18/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 3-1-0-0

Yeas: 3 - Manning Jr, Patterson, Thomsen

Nays: 1 - Linthicum

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/16, 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates a portion of U.S. Highway 30, the Oregon Veterans Memorial Highway. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), following approval from the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Defense, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to include military service seals on new highway markers representing specified branches of the U.S. Military and the National Guard with certain requirements.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Oregon war veterans highway legislation
- Number of highway war veteran memorial signs
- Designation of portion U.S. Highway 30

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Clarifies process requirements concerning the erection of new highway markers along certain portion of U.S. Highway 30 designated as the Oregon Veterans Memorial Highway to include approval from the Federal Highway Administration, United States Department of Defense and United States Department of Homeland Security. It modifies list of represented military service seals.

BACKGROUND:

Several of Oregon's roadways have honored veterans throughout recent history. These dedications include the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway, through passage of Senate Bill 461 (2013), and the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway - designated through passage of House Bill 4023 (2014). Furthermore, House Bill 2036 (2015) combined several border-to-border initiatives to honor veterans of the First World War; the Korean War; the Persian Gulf War; and the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Wars, along with recipients of the Purple Heart, designated as the Purple Heart Trail.

Senate Bill 790 A dedicates a portion of U.S. Highway 30 as the Oregon Veterans Memorial Highway with certain requirements.