

Senate Bill 319

Printed pursuant to Senate Interim Rule 213.28 by order of the President of the Senate in conformance with pre-session filing rules, indicating neither advocacy nor opposition on the part of the President (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness for Steve Bates and the Vietnam War Memorial Fund)

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**.

Dedicates portion of State Capitol State Park to Vietnam War memorial to be funded and constructed by qualified nonprofit corporation. Exempts memorial from certain land use laws.
Directs State Parks and Recreation Department to maintain finished memorial.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to a memorial to Oregon's Vietnam War veterans; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas there were over 700 Oregonians killed in action in the Vietnam War; and

4 Whereas over 57,000 Oregonians served their country as warriors in Vietnam; and

5 Whereas over 180,000 Oregonians served their country in military duty during the Vietnam era,
6 of which about 100,000 are alive today; and

7 Whereas over 9 million Americans served in the military during the Vietnam era and 2.7 million
8 served in Vietnam; and

9 Whereas the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has stated that approximately 14,000
10 Oregon Vietnam veterans have passed away between 2015 and 2020; and

11 Whereas there is not a Vietnam War Memorial in proximity to the State Capitol; and

12 Whereas it is imperative to memorialize the service and sacrifice of all who served during the
13 tumultuous decades of the Vietnam War; now, therefore,

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

15 **SECTION 1. (1) The portion of the State Capitol State Park that is the southwest corner**
16 **of the park, just to the south of the World War II memorial, is hereby dedicated to a**
17 **Vietnam War memorial.**

18 **(2) A Vietnam War memorial constructed under this section is an outright permitted use**
19 **without taking an exception under ORS 197.732 to the statewide land use planning goals or**
20 **changing the acknowledged comprehensive plan or land use regulations of Marion County.**

21 **(3) The State Parks and Recreation Department shall maintain the finished memorial.**

22 **SECTION 2. (1) The Vietnam War memorial described in section 1 of this 2021 Act is to**
23 **be funded and constructed by a nonprofit corporation that is:**

24 **(a) Organized in this state; and**

25 **(b) Dedicated to establishing a Vietnam War memorial on the grounds of the State Cap-**
26 **itol State Park.**

27 **(2) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the**
28 **nonprofit corporation, to the extent permitted by law, including laws related to**

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.

1 **confidentiality, to furnish information and advice to the nonprofit corporation that the cor-**
2 **poration considers necessary to complete the Vietnam War memorial described in section 1**
3 **of this 2021 Act.**

4 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
5 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
6 **on its passage.**

7
