

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 790

By COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 10 through 13 and insert:

2 “Whereas over the last 12 years the Bend Heroes Foundation initiated legislation honoring
3 nearly a half million Oregon war veterans of the Armed Forces from World War I to the present
4 with eight border-to-border veterans highways displaying over 90 large highway signs installed at
5 no expense to taxpayers on U.S. Highway 395 (World War I), U.S. Highway 97 (World War II),
6 Interstate 5 (Korean War/Purple Heart Trail), Interstate 84 (Vietnam War), U.S. Highway 101
7 (Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq Wars), U.S. Highway 20 (Oregon Medal of Honor) and U.S. Highway
8 26 (POW/MIA Memorial); and

9 “Whereas about 110,000 veterans served during peacetime between the five major wars when
10 about 480,000 Oregonians served; and

11 “Whereas about 70,900 or 23 percent of the 303,700 veterans presently living in Oregon served
12 during peacetime; and”.

13 On page 2, delete lines 5 through 34 and insert:

14 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 366.924 is amended to read:

15 “366.924. (1) The portion of U.S. Highway 395, crossing the State of Oregon, beginning at the
16 California state line and ending at the Washington state line, shall also be known as the World War
17 I Veterans Memorial Highway.

18 “(2) The portion of Interstate 5, crossing the State of Oregon, beginning at the California state
19 line and ending at the Washington state line, shall also be known as the Korean War Veterans
20 Memorial Highway, and as the Purple Heart Trail.

21 “(3) The portion of Interstate 5, beginning in Albany and ending in Salem, shall also be known
22 as the Atomic Veterans Memorial Highway.

23 “(4) The portion of U.S. Highway 101, crossing the State of Oregon, beginning at the California
24 state line and ending at the Washington state line, shall also be known as the Persian Gulf,
25 Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway.

26 “(5) The portion of U.S. Highway 26, beginning where the highway intersects with U.S. Highway
27 101 and ending at the Idaho state line, shall also be known as the POW/MIA Memorial Highway.

28 “(6) **The portion of U.S. Highway 30, beginning where the highway intersects with U.S.**
29 **Highway 101 and ending at the Idaho state line, shall also be known as the Oregon Veterans**
30 **Memorial Highway.**

31 “[6] (7) The Department of Transportation shall place and maintain suitable markers along
32 each highway described in this section to indicate the designation of each highway.

33 “(8) **For new highway markers erected on U.S. Highway 30 pursuant to subsection (6) of**
34 **this section, the department shall seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration,**
35 **United States Department of Defense and United States Department of Homeland Security**

1 **to include military service seals on the markers. After receiving approval, the Department**
2 **of Transportation shall include the following military service seals representing:**

3 **“(a) The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United States; and**

4 **“(b) The National Guard.**

5 **“[(7)(a)] (9)(a) The department may accept moneys from and may enter into agreements with**
6 **veterans groups to create, install and maintain the markers.**

7 **“(b) The department may not use public funds for the installation and maintenance of the**
8 **markers.**

9 **“SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 366.924 by section 1 of this 2021 Act apply to new**
10 **highway markers erected on U.S. Highway 30 on or after the effective date of this 2021**
11 **Act.”.**

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