

February 3, 2022

Re: Senate Bill 1509

I represent and manage a number of tourism related businesses in Hood River County and would like to voice my support for Oregon Senate Bill 1509.

It would be informative and remarkable if signs could be installed honoring ALL Oregon Nisei WWII veterans along Highway 35, from the Columbia River to Mt. Hood. These Nisei veterans' valor during wartime as well as their resilience once they returned home warrant the honor and recognition. This also would also be a reminder to our youth of these American heroes' patriotism and the tremendous contributions they made to our country and to our agriculturally blessed valley.

The Oregon Nisei Veterans WWII Memorial Highway would and should be among eight Oregon highways dedicated to Oregon veterans during five major wars, thanks to veteran Dick Tobiason and the Bend Heroes Foundation.

Thank you to Sen. Chuck Thomsen and to the Veterans & Emergency Preparedness Committee for their efforts on behalf of OR Senate Bill 1509 and the Oregon Nisei WWII Veterans.

Sincerely,

DM Stevenson Ranch LLC, Columbia Room Inc., Wanapa Room Inc.

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President