

**SB 478 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Hansell

**Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs**

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**Action Date:** 03/14/23  
**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)  
**Vote:** 4-0-1-0  
**Yeas:** 4 - Linthicum, Manning Jr, Thatcher, Woods  
**Exc:** 1 - Gorsek  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**Meeting Dates:** 3/2, 3/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Designates the portion of Oregon Highway 82 between mileposts 18 and 25 as the "Deputy Raymond Williams and Deputy Michael Cheney Memorial Highway."

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Life and service of Deputy Williams and Deputy Cheney

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Adds provisions specifying agreements between law enforcement groups or other civic organizations and the Oregon Department of Transportation for covering the cost of the markers.

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 5, 1980, Union County Sheriff deputies Raymond Williams and Michael Lynn Cheney were traveling south on Oregon Highway 82, near Elgin, when their vehicle was struck head-on by a vehicle operated by an impaired driver, killing both deputies. Deputy Williams was 33 years old, a five-year veteran of the Union County Sheriff's Office; Deputy Cheney was 38 years old, and on just his 14th day of service in Union County, having recently transferred from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

Oregon Route 82 connects U.S. Highway 30 at La Grande to the intersection of Oregon Routes 350 and 351 in Joseph in northeastern Oregon. Also known as the Wallowa Lake Highway No. 10, the highway spans a little more than 70 miles, and is part of the Hells Canyon Scenic Byway.

Senate Bill 478 A designates the portion of Oregon Highway 82 between mileposts 18 and 25 as the "Deputy Raymond Williams and Deputy Michael Cheney Memorial Highway" in honor of their service and their sacrifice.