

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2144

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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.

[Requires Oregon Military Department to study veterans. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to veterans not later than September 15, 2024.]
Removes requirement that remains of individual serving in Armed Forces of the United States who was killed in line of duty and formerly designated prisoner of war or missing in action, and whose remains are recovered and identified, be returned to Oregon to receive Fallen Hero roadside memorial recognition.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to veterans; amending ORS 366.931.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 366.931 is amended to read:

5 366.931. (1) As used in this section, "Armed Forces of the United States" means:

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

7 (b) The reserves of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United
8 States; and

9 (c) The Oregon National Guard and a National Guard of any other state or territory.

10 (2) To recognize and honor those who were killed in action or who died as a result of wounds
11 received in action while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, the Department of
12 Transportation shall erect and maintain a Fallen Hero roadside memorial sign if:

13 (a)(A) The Legislative Assembly adopts a concurrent resolution that recognizes the individual
14 killed in the line of duty; or

15 (B) The individual killed in the line of duty was formerly designated as either a prisoner of war
16 or unaccounted for by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and the remains of the individual
17 have been recovered[,] **and** identified [*and returned to Oregon*]; and

18 (b) The department receives the payment of a fee determined by the department under sub-
19 section (3) of this section.

20 (3) The department shall determine the amount of the fee required under subsection (2)(b) of this
21 section by rule. The fee may not exceed the direct and indirect expenses associated with erecting,
22 maintaining and removing a roadside memorial sign.

23 (4) The department shall deposit the fees that the department collects under this section into
24 the Roadside Memorial Fund established under ORS 366.932.

25 (5) A public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, may not expend moneys for the purpose of paying

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 the fee required under this section.

2 (6) The department, by rule, shall establish the size, design and location of a roadside memorial
3 sign erected under this section. The sign must include the name of the individual the sign is recog-
4 nizing.

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