

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/12/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 05/05, 05/12

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes Corporal Kory Wiens (1986-2007) and his military working dog, Cooper.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Kory Wiens' and Cooper's service and sacrifice

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Corporal Kory D. Wiens, of Independence, Oregon, was killed by insurgents in Iraq on July 6, 2007, along with his military working dog, Cooper. Corporal Wiens enlisted in the United States Army after graduating from West Albany High School, and proudly served as combat engineer and specialized dog handler assigned to the 94th Mine Dog Detachment, 5th Engineer Battalion, 1st Engineer Brigade. He was 20. Corporal Wiens and Cooper were the first military working dog team to be killed in action together since the Vietnam War. Their cremated remains were buried together in Dallas, Oregon, at a ceremony presided over by Governor Ted Kulongoski and twenty-nine dog handlers from police agencies across the state. House Concurrent Resolution 2 honors them.