

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2195**

Ordered by the House March 7  
Including House Amendments dated March 7

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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.

Dedicates portion of State Capitol State Park to Vietnam War memorial. Exempts memorial from certain land use laws.

Establishes Vietnam War Memorial Task Force to arrange for development, design and construction of memorial to honor Oregon's Vietnam War veterans.

**Directs task force to apply for specified grants to aid in memorial development.**

Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to maintain finished memorial.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to a memorial to Oregon's Vietnam War veterans; and declaring an emergency.

3       Whereas there were over 700 Oregonians killed in action in the Vietnam War; and

4       Whereas thousands of Oregonians served their country as warriors in Vietnam; and

5       Whereas thousands of other Oregonians served their country in military duty in other parts of  
6 the world during the Vietnam War; and

7       Whereas the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has forecast that approximately  
8 14,000 Vietnam veterans either have passed away or will die between 2015 and 2020 at a rate of  
9 eight veterans per day; and

10       Whereas there is not a Vietnam War Memorial in proximity to the State Capitol; and

11       Whereas it is imperative to memorialize the service and sacrifice of all who served during the  
12 tumultuous decades of the Vietnam War; now, therefore,

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

14       **SECTION 1.** (1) **The portion of the State Capitol State Park that is the southwest corner**  
15 **of the park, just to the south of the World War II memorial, is hereby dedicated to a**  
16 **Vietnam War memorial.**

17       (2) **The Vietnam War memorial shall be sufficient in size to accommodate the memorial**  
18 **design approved by the Vietnam War Memorial Task Force under section 2 of this 2019 Act.**

19       (3) **A Vietnam War memorial constructed under this section is an outright permitted use**  
20 **without taking an exception under ORS 197.732 to the statewide land use planning goals or**  
21 **changing the acknowledged comprehensive plan or land use regulations of Marion County.**

22       (4) **The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall maintain the finished memorial.**

23       **SECTION 2.** (1) **The Vietnam War Memorial Task Force is established, consisting of 10**  
24 **members. The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall be a cochairperson of the task force. The**  
25 **director shall appoint another cochairperson of the task force from among those nominated**

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 by a nonprofit charitable corporation organized in this state that is dedicated to establishing  
2 a Vietnam War memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol.

3 (2) The cochairpersons shall jointly appoint the additional members to the task force. The  
4 additional members may not be affiliated with the nonprofit charitable corporation described  
5 in subsection (1) of this section. The additional members shall be appointed as follows:

6 (a) One member representing the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.

7 (b) One member representing the Vietnam Veterans of America.

8 (c) One member representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

9 (d) One member representing the American Legion.

10 (e) One member who is a woman and a veteran of the Vietnam War.

11 (f) One member who is an architect licensed in Oregon.

12 (g) One member representing the public and who is not a veteran.

13 (h) One member representing the State Parks and Recreation Department.

14 (3) The task force shall:

15 (a) Approve the final design from design concepts submitted to the task force by the  
16 nonprofit charitable corporation described in subsection (1) of this section;

17 (b) Apply for one or more grants from the Veterans and War Memorial Grant Program  
18 administered by the State Parks and Recreation Department; and

19 (c) Seek the input of Vietnam War veterans, as appropriate.

20 (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction  
21 of business.

22 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members  
23 of the task force.

24 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the cochairpersons shall make an appointment  
25 to become immediately effective.

26 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of one of the  
27 cochairpersons or of a majority of the members of the task force.

28 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

29 (9) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for  
30 expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

31 (10) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
32 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating  
33 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force  
34 consider necessary to perform their duties.

35 (11) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide staff support to the task force.

36 (12) The task force is established as an entity that meets the qualifications to be eligible  
37 to apply for a grant from the Veterans and War Memorial Grant Program.

38 (13) The task force shall conduct all task force meetings in compliance with ORS 192.610  
39 to 192.690.

40 **SECTION 3.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
41 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect  
42 on its passage.