

**SB 1542 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/5, 2/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Dedicates and outright permits portion of southwest corner of State Capitol State Park to a Vietnam War memorial. Directs state agencies, including the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, to assist specified nonprofit corporation during process. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Proposed memorial design
- Experience of veterans during Vietnam War
- Potential fiscal impact

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Transfers memorial maintenance responsibilities to Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department. Removes requirement that Director of Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs formally recognize nonprofit.

**BACKGROUND:**

There is currently no Vietnam War specific memorial dedicated and maintained by the State of Oregon. However, there are Vietnam War memorials throughout the state dedicated and maintained by counties, cities, and organizations. There are also several other memorials located on or around the State Capitol State Park including the World War II Memorial, the Medal of Honor Memorials, the Fallen Trooper Memorial, and the Fallen Worker Memorial.

Senate Bill 1542 dedicates and outright permits a portion of the State Capitol State Park to a Vietnam War memorial and directs state agencies to assist a specified Oregon Vietnam War memorial nonprofit during the design and construction process.