

SB 1542 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Monnes Anderson,
Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Veterans

Action Date: 02/10/20
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 3-0-0-0
Yeas: 3 - Manning Jr, Monnes Anderson, Olsen
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 2/5, 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Dedicates portion of southwest corner of State Capitol State Park to a Vietnam War memorial. Makes memorial an outright permitted use notwithstanding planning goals or land use regulations. Directs state agencies, including the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, to assist 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:

Transfers memorial maintenance responsibilities from Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department. Removes requirement that Director of Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs formally recognize specified 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. Several memorials are 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-A dedicates and outright permits a portion of the State Capitol State Park to a Vietnam War memorial and directs state agencies to assist an Oregon Vietnam War memorial nonprofit during the design and construction process.