

SB 319 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Dedicates a location on State Capitol grounds for the installation of a Vietnam War Memorial. Allows a qualifying nonprofit corporation to fund and construct the memorial as an outright permitted land use to be maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Nearly fifty years ago, approximately nine million American service men and women served during the Vietnam War era; an estimated total of 180,000 were Oregonians.

The public park surrounding Oregon’s Capitol Building is home to a number of monuments, statues, and dedications, including those that honor servicemembers and their families, such as the Medal of Honor Memorials and the World War II Memorial next to Rosie the Riveter Memorial Garden.

Senate Bill 319 dedicates a site on State Capitol grounds for construction of a Vietnam War Memorial.