

## **SB 790 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management**

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/22

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Designates portion of U.S. Highway 30, Oregon Veterans Memorial Highway. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), following approval from Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Defense, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to include military service seals on new highway markers representing specified branches of U.S. Military and National Guard with certain requirements. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

*Ayes, 28; Nays, 1--Heard; Excused, 1--Boquist*

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Several of Oregon's roadways have honored veterans throughout recent history. These dedications include the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway, through passage of Senate Bill 461 (2013), and the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway - designated through passage of House Bill 4023 (2014). In addition to those highway designations, House Bill 2036 (2015) combined several border-to-border initiatives to honor veterans of the First World War; the Korean War; the Persian Gulf War; and the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Wars, along with recipients of the Purple Heart, designated as the Purple Heart Trail.

Senate Bill 790 A dedicates a portion of U.S. Highway 30 as the Oregon Veterans Memorial Highway.