

SB 441 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Sub-Referral To: House Committee On Rules

Meeting Dates: 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands roadside memorial signage for veterans killed in action to include those who were formerly designated prisoners of war or unaccounted for by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and whose remains have been returned to Oregon. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Subsequent referral to HRULES

Senate Votes: Ayes, 28; Excused, 2--Boquist, Heard

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, memorial signs may be installed for individuals who were killed in action while serving in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. After five individuals were so honored by legislation in 2013, a new process was enacted in 2015 that requires the Legislative Assembly adopt a concurrent resolution, followed by completion of an application and payment of \$600 for sign installation. Thirty individuals have been memorialized between 2016 and 2018.

Senate Bill 441 A permits the state to erect roadside memorial signs for veterans who were officially designated as either a prisoner of war or unaccounted for by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.