

**HB 2700 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management**

**Carrier:** Rep. Lewis, Rep. Meek

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**Action Date:** 03/02/21  
**Action:** Do Pass.  
**Vote:** 6-0-0-0  
**Yeas:** 6 - Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Meek, Wallan, Wright  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
**Prepared By:** Cassie Passon, Counsel  
**Meeting Dates:** 1/26, 2/23, 3/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Adds alternative criteria for erecting roadside memorial signs for deceased veterans formerly designated prisoners of war or unaccounted for whose remains have been returned to Oregon. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Previous measure introduced in 2020 regular session, House Bill 4083
- Not using public funds
- Applicability to a very limited group of veterans
- Veterans' work group

**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.

House Bill 2700 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 through a distinct process, separate from the existing concurrent resolution process available to servicemembers killed in action.