

SB 1509 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Thomsen, Sen.
Manning Jr

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 02/03/22

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Armitage, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Patterson, Thomsen

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates a portion of Oregon Route 35, beginning where the highway intersects with U.S. Highway 26 and ending where the highway intersects with U.S. Highway 30, as the Oregon Nisei Veterans World War II Memorial Highway.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The meritorious service of Nisei Veterans during World War II
- The history of Nisei Veterans

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces "Historic" with "Memorial". Designates a portion of Oregon Route 35, beginning where the highway intersects with U.S. Highway 26 and ending where the highway intersects with U.S. Highway 30.

BACKGROUND:

Nisei, second generation, Japanese American Veterans served the United States during World War II with merit and honor. Several of Oregon's roadways honor veterans who served their country in the United States Armed Forces with honor and valor 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). Furthermore, House Bill 2036 (2015) combined several border-to-border initiatives to honor veterans of the First World War; the Korean War; and the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Wars, along with recipients of the Purple Heart, designated the Purple Heart Trail.

Senate Bill 1509 A renames Oregon Route 35 as the Oregon Nisei Veterans World War II Memorial Highway.