

**HB 3421 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Manning Jr

**Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs**

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**Action Date:** 05/11/23  
**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.  
**Vote:** 3-0-1-2  
**Yeas:** 3 - Manning Jr, President Wagner, Woods  
**Exc:** 1 - Gorsek  
**Abs:** 2 - Linthicum, Thatcher  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**Meeting Dates:** 5/9, 5/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires official state government commemorations of Memorial Day or Veterans Day to be held in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 187; requires Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to ensure public access to attend or participate in official Memorial Day and Veterans Day commemorations. Requires ODVA Director, with regard to Memorial Day and Veterans Day, to provide a minimum 30-day notice to Legislative Assembly presiding officers if an official ceremony or event will be held on a day other than the legal holiday, to the extent possible. Requires ODVA Director to inform all state agencies, in advance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day commemorations, the Legislative Assembly expectation for all state-owned and maintained veterans' facilities, veterans' and war memorials be in clean condition and good repair.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Memorial Day and Veterans Day commemoration alignment with legal holidays
- Condition of state-owned veterans' facilities, veterans' and war memorials in Oregon for commemorations

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Veterans Day is a holiday honoring all veterans for their historical and present-day sacrifices in times of war and peace. Memorial Day commemorates individuals who sacrificed their lives while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

In addition to Veterans Day and Memorial Day, Oregon has honored the historical and present-day service and sacrifice of veterans through additional legally designated, commemorative days including: Oregon POW/MIA Recognition Day; Oregon Purple Heart Recognition Day; Korean War Veterans Honor Day; Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day; and Armed Forces Day.

House Bill 3421 A requires the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs to ensure all state-owned and/or state-maintained veterans' facilities, memorials for honoring veterans, and war memorials are in clean condition and good repair for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and commemorative events of these holidays. The measure establishes a notice requirement of commemorative event plans to the Legislative Assembly.