

**SB 159 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure allows veterans' recognition registration plates to be used on mopeds and motorcycles.

Fiscal impact: Minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: Minimal revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 29; Excused, 1

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The current iteration of the veterans' recognition registration plate program began in 2008 as a joint effort between the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. Most veteran plates require proof of eligibility, such as proof of honorable discharge. Permanent plates are available for disabled veterans and ex-prisoners-of-war (POW), with proof of having a service-connected disability or of qualifying POW status. Current statute allows veteran plates to be used on passenger vehicles, but not on mopeds and motorcycles.