

HB 2344 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to keep the World War II Memorial on the Capital Mall, up to date and develop and maintain an educational tool as part of the memorial. Lists necessary modifications including adding certain names to the memorial, lists criteria for adding names to the memorial, and defines killed in action and missing in action for purposes of the memorial.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3416 (2011) established the World War II (WWII) Memorial Task Force to solicit private funding for the construction of the project and to arrange for the development, design, and construction of the memorial in the Capital Mall. The memorial was dedicated on June 6, 2014, and it features a 33-foot-tall monument and granite walls with the names of the roughly 3800 Oregonians who died in combat during WWII.