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Olsen veteran's bill approved by Senate

Salem – A bill sponsored by Senator Alan Olsen (R-Canby) to give veterans the day off on Veteran's Day passed the Senate floor unanimously Tuesday morning, with a vote of 29 to 0.

“Oregon should honor its veterans on their day,” said Olsen. “It is a simple way to recognize veterans for their hard work and sacrifice.”

Currently, veterans who are public employees receive the day off on Veteran's Day, while privately-employed veteran's typically do not. Senate Bill 1 would give all veteran's the day off, assuming it doesn't cause undue difficulty to their employers.

“It has always bothered me that veterans, who put their lives on the line to defend our freedom, have to work on Veteran's Day,” said Olsen. “This bill allows veteran's to have a holiday on the day meant to celebrate them and all that they do.”

Olsen, an Army veteran, first introduced the bill in 2011. It passed the Senate but died in the House of Representatives. Olsen is optimistic that the bill has a chance of adoption this year.

Olsen and his wife Juanita make their home in Canby. Olsen is a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1969 to 1971. He is a general contractor and small business owner building homes and structures across Oregon. Senate District 20 includes Canby, Oregon City, Damascus, Estacada and rural parts of Clackamas County.

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