



Legislative Update

PREPARING FOR 2015

During these last few months of the 2014 Legislative Interim, I've been hard at work preparing for the 2015 Legislative Session, which begins on February 2nd, 2015.

In order to have a potential bill crafted *before* the next session, I need to submit Measure Requests before September 22nd of this year to Legislative Counsel.

I have already submitted several Measure Requests for the 2015 Session, some of which are listed below:

THE PURPLE HEART MEASURE - Designates I-5 as the Purple Heart Trail, giving tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal. Oregon is one of the last states to identify a highway as a Purple Heart Trail.

THE GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATE - When a member of the Armed Forces is killed in action, their family is presented a Gold Star. Currently, Oregon allows Gold Star family members to purchase a Gold Star License Plate. Unfortunately, the current law only includes parents, spouses, and or a dependent of the soldier. This bill will include siblings to the list of family that are able to purchase a Gold Star License Plate.

THE OREGON HEALTHCARE DIVIDEND PLAN - Creates a Federal tax write-off, up to \$300, for those participating in a workplace wellness program.

PRINTING NAMES ON THE OREGON TRAIL CARD - Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to print the cardholders name on the card, which in turn would help reduce fraud and open communication between Law Enforcement and the Fraud Investigation Unit.

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Notable and Quotable:

"Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people."
 -Abraham Lincoln

"It is easy to take liberty for granted when you have never had it taken from you."
 -M. Grundler

OREGON LOTTERY SHARING - This measure requires the Oregon Lottery to share information within seven days with the Department of Human Resources-Public Assistance Program when an individual's winnings exceed \$1,000.00. Should a person be receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), DHS will readjust the benefits accordingly to the winnings. This is an effort to ensure program integrity.

HWY MEMORIAL HEROES - Creates an easier pathway for the families of fallen heroes to install a sign honoring their fallen soldier. This will be similar to the Fallen Officer Memorial Highway Program which was created in 2011. For more information, [click here](#).

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."
-Elmer Davis



HAPPY FOURTH!!!

I hope you all have a great Fourth of July weekend! Be safe and LET FREEDOM RING! Thank you for your continued support. Should you ever have questions, please contact my office.

Be well,

Andy Olson

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