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New Legislation Supporting, Honoring Oregon Veterans, Active Duty Military Members Passes the Senate

SALEM, Ore - Today, the Oregon Senate passed several bills supporting and honoring Oregon veterans and active duty military members. Including:

- [House Bill 2144](#): Expands qualification for fallen hero roadside memorials. Passed 25 - 0
- [House Bill 2147](#): Ensures unclaimed veterans' remains are properly interred. Honors our fallen veterans and brings them home to be laid to rest. Passed 25 - 0
- [House Bill 2295](#): Gives all veterans procurement preference in public contracting. This bill was developed and brought forward by veterans. Passed 25 - 0
- [House Bill 2865](#): Changes the training leave allotment of our current National Guard and military members who are public employees from 15 days to 21 days (mirrors Washington State). This will be an absolute game changer for these folks who selflessly give of their time to train and serve. Right now, our brave servicemembers are having to use their personal, vacation, and sick leave accruals to complete required training to serve our country. Passed 23 - 2
- [House Bill 3421](#): Requires that the state commemorates Memorial Day and Veterans Day on the holiday and requires public access to such commemorations. Passed 24 - 0

“Oregon veterans and their families sacrifice to protect our safety, our rights, and our freedoms. We owe them a debt that can never be fully repaid,” said **Senator Aaron Woods (D - Wilsonville)**, U.S. Army veteran who carried HB 2144 on the Senate Floor. “I’m glad we could do our part to honor the best and bravest of Oregon.”

“I’m proud that the Senate stepped up to deliver meaningful change for our veterans and current members of the Oregon National Guard. These Oregonians deserve our support and respect,” said **Senator James I. Manning Jr. (D - Eugene & Veneta)**, chair of the Senate Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs Committee who was an active duty service member for the U.S. Army for 24 years, with multiple tours in South Korea, Australia, Japan, Honduras, and Panama.

HB 2144, HB 2147, HB 2295, HB 2865, and HB 3421 are among the hundreds of bills that Senate Democrats rescued by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout. Thanks to Senate Democrats showing up, doing their jobs, and delivering results for the people of Oregon, these bills now move to the Governor's desk for consideration.

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