74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session **MEASURE: CARRIER:**

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on House Veteran's Affairs

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: No Fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue by prior reference

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

> Boquist, Cowan, Schaufler, Scott, Barker Yeas:

Navs: Exc.: 0

Jim Keller, Administrator **Prepared By:**

Meeting Dates: 1/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the maximum loan amortization period for home loans made to veterans from 30 years to 40 years. Enables the Department of Veteran's affairs to periodically prescribe interest rates for certain persons.

HB 2155

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ODVA has been making home loans since 1945
- Since 1945, ODVA has made over 333,000 home loans
- Will allow additional veterans to afford a home with reduced monthly payments
- ODVA is following the trend of the private sector
- Methods to be used in disseminating information on the new program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendments

BACKGROUND: Under current statutes homes, other than mobile homes are amortized over 30 years and 40 years for farms. House Bill 2155 would allow for a loan to be amortized over 40 years for homes other than mobile homes and farms. The bill would also adopt new language recommended by Legislative Counsel.