

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boquist, Cowan, Schaufler, Barker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Scott
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/29, 4/10, 4/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs the Department of Veteran's Affairs to provide veterans and health care providers with educational materials on diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Hepatitis C.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Disease can lay dormant for a number of years
- 64 percent of veterans from the Vietnam era affected
- Over four million Americans have been infected with Hepatitis C
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention brochures
- Does not need additional staff to implement

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently there are various web sites that provide information on Hepatitis C, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide informational brochures on the disease. House Bill 2937 requires the Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs to make available to veterans and health care providers educational materials on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Hepatitis C.