

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

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Meeting Dates: 5/16, 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits establishment of a second Oregon Veteran's Home to admit spouses of war veterans. Eliminates the requirement for the second Oregon Veteran's Home to obtain a certificate of need from the Department of Human Services. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for additional beds
- Ability of veteran's to move spouses into veteran's home
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes the word 'war' in reference to veterans which allows for veterans who served in non-conflict times to be admitted to the Oregon Veteran's Home.

BACKGROUND: The only Oregon Veteran's Home is a 151-bed long term care facility located in The Dalles, which opened in the fall of 1997.

House Bill 3009 A would allow for the development of a second Oregon Veteran's Home and remove the requirement to obtain a certificate of need, as required under current statute, from the Department of Human Services.