

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boquist, Cowan, Schaufler, Barker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/29

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**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:**

- Reasons for a certificate of need process
- Length of time and costs required for a certificate of need
- Number of veterans in Oregon
- Financial condition of the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles
- Development plans for a veterans' center in Wilsonville
- Number of veterans' homes in other states

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

**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 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.