74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session **MEASURE: HB 3156 CARRIER:**

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Veteran's Affairs

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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

Vote: 3 - 1 - 1

> Boquist, Schaufler, Barker Yeas:

Navs: Cowan Exc.: Scott

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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies the definition of "disabled person" for purposes of the homestead property tax deferral to include disabled veterans. Applies to assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2008.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of passage of Senate Bill 83 on the measure
- Impact on local government revenue

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under current statutes, a disabled person is defined as a person who has been receiving federal Social security benefits due to a disability. House Bill 3156 expands the definition of person entitled to disability compensation to include individuals whose discharge from active duty was for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty or a person awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat under laws administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.