

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	3 - 1 - 1
Yeas:	Boquist, Schaufler, Barker
Nays:	Cowan
Exc.:	Scott
Prepared By:	Jim Keller, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows disabled veterans to qualify for the Oregon Health Plan benefits.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lack of regional centers in the rural areas
- Potential loss of federal funds
- Reasons some physicians do not accept the Oregon Health Plan
- Number of disabled veteran's living in rural areas
- Need to limit use to urgent care

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds the requirement that the veteran "resides in an area defined as rural by the Office of Rural Health". Defines rural as ten or more miles from a population center of 30,000 or more.

BACKGROUND: Chapter 414 of the Oregon Revised Statutes provides current law related to eligibility requirements for the Oregon Health Plan.

House Bill 3196-A adds disabled veterans, as defined in ORS 408.225, to the list of those who qualify for the Oregon Health Plan.