

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Be Adopted  
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1  
Yeas: Cowan, Schaufler, Scott, Barker  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: Boquist  
Prepared By: Jim Keller, Administrator  
Meeting Dates: 3/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Commends Oregon health care providers for efforts to ensure that all Oregon military personnel obtain needed medical care during deployment and active duty during the war on terror. Requests Oregon health care providers to consider accepting United States Department of Defense TRICARE insurance program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Efforts to increase providers of medical services
- Limited providers of medical services in rural areas of the state

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

**BACKGROUND:** TRICARE was created in the early 1990s and is the U.S. Department of Defense health care entitlement program for active duty and retired members of the military, their families, and survivors. TRICARE receives its funding as part of the annual federal defense budget, which is approved by Congress. TRICARE is administered in the 21 state TRICARE West Region by the TriWest Healthcare Alliance, which is a privately held, Phoenix-based corporation.