

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Shannon Strumpfer, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 5/2

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:

- Need for quality services for veterans' upon their return from service

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.