74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HJM 10 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Carter

Senate Committee on Health Policy & Public Affairs

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

 Action:
 Be Adopted

 Vote:
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Meeting Dates: 5/2

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges the President of the United States and Congress to remove the provisions of federal law that disqualify veterans' mortgage bonds from tax-exempt status if the bond proceeds are used for acquiring or replacing existing mortgages.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

Need to support veterans upon return from service

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

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs (ODVA) uses tax-exempt Qualified Veterans' Mortgage Bonds (QVMB) to make home loans to qualifying veterans. Under current federal law, QVMB can only be used for new loans and not refinancing of existing veteran home loans through ODVA.

House Joint Memorial 10 urges the President of the United States and Congress to remove the provisions in section 143 of Public Law 99-514 (1986), which restricts the use of QVMBs.