74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HJM 19 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Nelson

House Committee on Veteran's Affairs

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Boquist, Cowan, Schaufler, Scott, Barker

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/10, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to fund transportation by United States Department of Defense of comfort items to troops overseas at no cost on military flights. Urges Congress to change the spending on veterans' health care from discretionary spending to direct spending.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Current restrictions on items that can be transported on military flights

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds request that Congress change the spending on veteran's health care from discretionary spending to direct spending".

BACKGROUND: Currently, if an organization collects comfort items to be shipped to our troops located in foreign countries, that organization is required to pay the full cost of shipping the items. House Joint Memorial 19-A urges Congress to transport the comfort items on military transports at no cost to the donating organization.