

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	George G., Kruse, Verger, Morrisette
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Meeting Dates:	3/5, 4/11, 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish traumatic brain injury registry system and to collect data regarding traumatic brain injuries. Allows DHS to conduct studies of traumatic brain injury morbidity and mortality. Requires health care facilities in which brain injury patients are diagnosed or treated to provide information to the registry. Sets confidentiality requirements for information in the registry system. Requires DHS to contract with a non-profit, non-government agency with experience in brain injury to: provide information and support to brain injury victims; enhance support systems for victims; perform outreach and education to members of the military, victims and their families; provide training to community agencies and providers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Prevalence of brain injury
- High percentage of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with brain injuries
- Advances in design of military helmets
- Impact of brain injury on victims and families
- Difficulties victims currently have connecting with community services

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes sections of original bill which required DHS to provide housing and mental health services to persons with traumatic brain injury. Requires DHS to contract with a non-profit, non-government agency with experience in brain injury to: provide information and support to brain injury victims; enhance support systems for victims; perform outreach and education to members of the military, victims and their families; provide training to community agencies and providers.

BACKGROUND: Each year in the United States, an estimated 1.4 million people sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and 80,000 to 90,000 people experience the onset of long-term disability associated with a TBI. 8,053 individuals were discharged from Oregon hospitals with a primary diagnosis of TBI, and 2,883 Oregonians died from a TBI from 1999-2002. As many as two-thirds of injured soldiers returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have a TBI. Many people who suffer TBI do not show any outward signs of injury and are unaware that they should seek medical attention.

There is currently no national registry for traumatic brain injury and Oregon does not have a statewide traumatic brain injury registry. Thirty-two other states have set up surveillance systems of registries to track brain injury. SB 617 A would set up a registry for Oregon, modeled on data collection standards developed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Injury and Prevention. The purpose of the registry would be to provide data to design, target, monitor, facilitate and evaluate efforts to determine the causes of sources of traumatic brain injury among residents of Oregon and to reduce the burden of traumatic brain injury in Oregon.

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