

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 6 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Cowan, Gelser, Kotek, Maurer, Olson, Tomei
Nays: 0
Exc.: Maurer
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Meeting Dates: 5/2, 5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates month of March in each year as Brain Injury Awareness Month.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Risk factors for seniors and children
- Increased cases because of Iraq war
- Economic impacts on families
- Need for increased awareness

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: About 1.4 million troops have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Pentagon research indicates that between 11 percent and 28 percent of combat troops may have been exposed to bomb blasts and suffered at least mild traumatic brain injury. 30 percent of Iraq and Afghanistan casualties treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center have been diagnosed with mild, moderate or severe traumatic brain injury.