House Concurrent Resolution 5

Sponsored by Representative NELSON; Representatives BARKER, BOQUIST, BRUUN, CLEM, DALLUM, FLORES, GARRARD, GREENLICK, LIM, OLSON, RILEY, G SMITH, P SMITH, THATCHER, WITT (at the request of TriWest Healthcare Alliance)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Commends Oregon health care providers for efforts to ensure that all Oregon military personnel obtain needed medical care during deployment and active duty during war on terror. Requests Oregon health care providers to consider accepting United States Department of Defense TRICARE insurance program.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the United States of America has a declared commitment to the war on terror; and

Whereas many of our citizen-soldiers have been called to active duty and others have been put on alert to mobilize for active duty; and

Whereas the United States Department of Defense has instructed our citizen-soldiers and their families to put their personal, financial and other affairs in order to prepare for possible overseas deployment; and

Whereas this ongoing military mobilization can affect every family member, neighbor and health care provider related to or associated with our citizen-soldiers; and

Whereas at the time the Army National Guard, the United States Army, the United States Air Force, the United States Navy and the United States Marines Corps and their families were mobilized they were enrolled in the United States Department of Defense TRICARE insurance program; and

Whereas our citizen-soldiers and their families will be in insurance transition during these difficult times and will require the full support of all health care providers; and

Whereas thousands of health care professionals have responded to the call of the Governor, the State of Oregon's commander-in-chief, for measures to ensure that no soldier or member of a soldier's family will be denied needed medical care during the soldier's deployment and active duty during the war on terror; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, commend:

- (1) The spirit of public good faith in support of military personnel and their families shown by more than 7,500 Oregon health care professionals; and
- (2) The spirit of patriotism and sacrifice for military personnel and their families shown by these same health care professionals in their efforts to ensure that no soldier or soldier's family will be denied needed medical care during the soldier's deployment and active duty during the war on terror; and
- (3) The spirit of commitment to the war on terror shown by these same health care professionals; and be it further

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Resolved, That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, request all health care providers to consider accepting the United States Department of Defense TRICARE insurance program for Oregon military personnel and their families.