

REVENUE: Issued - Revenue Impact

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Action: Do Pass as Amended, be Printed B Engrossed, and be Referred to Ways and Means.

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Meeting Dates: 05/12, 5/19

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Creates the 19-member Oregon traumatic brain injury strategic partnership advisory council as an advisory group for the Governor and Department of Human Services (DHS). Requires DHS to provide staff support. Requires DHS to contract with an expert to provide a preliminary report on a comprehensive statewide plan to address the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injuries. Requires reports on development of an information and referral network, statewide registry and services. Requires DHS to provide funding to the contractor for programs that facilitate existing support groups. Establishes the Brain Injury Trust Fund and designates a \$2 fee from traffic citations to fund the program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Good nexus (49% auto accident caused). Treatment.
- Revenue details through policy agreements, and legal language.
- Returning veterans and responsibility to National Guard since they are not regular military.
- Available matching funds, federal and other private recourses.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: Separates Memory as a category.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Brain Injury Association of Oregon, Inc., at least 6.5 million Americans live with the results of a traumatic brain injury. Injury to the brain is caused by a direct blow to the skull often as a result of an accident or assault. Data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that 20,000 Oregonians sustain a traumatic brain injury each year. Approximately another 259,000 unidentified but living with the results of the injury. Many of those living with the results of a traumatic brain injury have a wide range of cognitive, behavioral and emotional deficits. These include difficulty learning and remembering new material, starting and completing tasks, decreased ability to analyze and problem solve accompanied by anger, depression and inappropriate behavior often result in the loss of friendships, family problems and increasing isolation for the affected individuals and their families.

Call centers, traumatic brain injury registries, counseling assistance for survivors and caretakers and recognition and treatment of the condition are all ways that traumatic brain injury are mentioned in the measures arguments.