

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 10 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Barton, Cowan, Gilliam, Krieger, Matthews, Riley, Tomei, Weidner, Wingard, Holvey
Nays: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/10, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes knowingly taking advantage of disabled veteran, servicemember in active service or spouse unconscionable tactic and unlawful trade practice.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fraud perpetrated against disabled veterans and servicemembers
- Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act
- Barriers to private right of action
- Remedies under Unlawful Trade Practices Act

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies definition of servicemember in active service.

BACKGROUND: Servicemembers in active service and spouses currently receive federal protection under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. However, since Oregon has few military installations, it may be difficult for servicemembers to bring actions for violations. By incorporating these protections in Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act, HB 3020-A gives the Department of Justice authority to take action against violators.

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