

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Be Adopted  
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1  
Yeas: Bates, Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson  
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Meeting Dates: 3/12, 3/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges Congress to enact legislation assisting veterans' employment by expanding the Department of Labor Local Veterans' Employment Representatives Program, and the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Funding proportionate to the number of veterans being served
- Disproportionate number of veterans unemployed
- Complex needs of veterans returning after multiple deployments

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No Amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** This is a critical time for veterans looking for work in Oregon and the whole country. Veterans face complex family, employment and health problems associated with multiple deployments, a lack of amenities provided by regular military bases and an economy that is struggling. Advocates note there is a need to establish a nation-wide public works program in conjunction with state employment departments and military authorities to provide jobs for veterans after service.

The Local Veterans' Employment Representatives Program and Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program are in need of increased funding that will provide jobs for veterans, and provide tax credits for employers that hire veterans and businesses that retrain veterans. These two programs have suffered significant budget cuts within the US Department of Labor, resulting in a loss of employment services to Oregon veterans.

This Memorial has been shared with the Oregon Congressional delegation, which is working on federal legislation in support of these issues.