

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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**Action:** Be Adopted  
**Vote:** 3 - 0 - 2  
**Yeas:** Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Bates, Kruse  
**Prepared By:** Robert Shook, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 2/17, 2/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges congress to enact legislation creating statewide transportation system to provide transportation for Oregon veterans, particularly disabled veterans, to and from medical facilities.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Access to non-VA healthcare facilities for veterans
- Limited healthcare facilities state-wide for veterans
- Companion bill to SJM 2 (SB 98)

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

**BACKGROUND:** SJM 2 urges the President of the United States, Senate and House of Representatives of the United States to enact legislation that creates a statewide transportation system in Oregon that would provide transportation to medical facilities. Oregon veterans often reside in rural or remote areas and must travel significant distances to access medical care. The Governor's Task Force on Veterans' Services learned during a 24-city tour of Oregon that veteran transportation is severely lacking and many veterans, especially wheelchair-bound veterans, cannot access VA medical care because they have no transportation to VA medical and health care facilities. Currently, the only consistent veteran transportation in Oregon is the Disabled America Veterans (DAV) van system, consisting of 23 vans statewide. While the DAV provides a transportation services, it is insufficient to meet the demand. SJM 2 is a companion bill to SB 98, which creates an Oregon Task Force on veterans' transportation to review existing transportation modes and possible strategic partnerships and solutions for veterans in rural and remote Oregon.