

House Joint Memorial 13

Sponsored by Representative G SMITH

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**.

Urges Congress to fund additional medical facilities for dental, audiology and optometry care for veterans.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas members of the Oregon National Guard ordered to federal active duty and deployed to war zones, as well as Oregonians enlisted in the United States Armed Forces and deployed to war zones, constitute the largest deployment since World War II, resulting in an enormous increase in the need for medical facilities; and

Whereas the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Affairs Medical Center located in Walla Walla, Washington, which provides medical care for northern Oregon veterans, has received \$75 million to upgrade its present medical facilities to meet the highest standards of medical care; and

Whereas in the last few years the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has completed outpatient clinics in LaGrande, Oregon, Lewiston, Idaho, and the Tri-cities area in Washington, which will allow veterans to receive medical care closer to where they live; and

Whereas medical facilities are proposed, but unfunded, to provide dental care, audiology and optometry services; and

Whereas the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is to be commended for anticipating the need for updated medical facilities to better serve veterans in eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and western Idaho; and

Whereas Oregon veterans deserve to have locally available modern medical facilities; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to fund the additional medical facilities for dental, audiology and optometry care for veterans.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.