76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2403 CARRIER: Rep. Parrish

House Committee on Veterans Affairs

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 6 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel, Witt

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

Prepared By: Jill Petty, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 2/15, 3/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires state agencies to partner with Oregon Military Department to provide reintegration services to veterans. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon is a model among states in veterans' reintegration
- Reintegration is decentralized in Oregon because there are no active duty military bases
- Desire to create a "no wrong door" approach for connecting with veterans

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2009 Legislature passed Senate Bill 700 which created a Task Force on Veterans' Reintegration (Task Force) to submit recommendations to the Legislature. The Task Force found a lack of coordination among agencies that intersect with veterans. House Bill 2403 requires agencies to work with the Oregon Military Department on reintegration of veterans.