

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 3/23, 3/30

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Codification of actual practice
- Impact of agency partnerships on veterans
- “No wrong door” policy
- Economic cost of providing or not providing services to veterans
- Companion legislation related to agencies’ interaction with veterans
- Educating veterans about available benefits

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Task Force on Veterans' Reintegration, established by Senate Bill 700 (2009), found that a lack of coordination among agencies that interface with veterans resulted in a difficult reintegration process for personnel returning from deployment and other veterans.

House Bill 2403 requires agencies utilized most often by veterans to work with the Oregon Military Department on reintegration of veterans throughout the state.