

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – Senate: Sen. Verger

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the Measure with Amendments to Resolve Conflicts and as Printed A-Engrossed

**Vote:** 24 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Richardson,  
G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc: Nolan

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 15, 2011

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies existing statutory language to direct the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish a third Oregon Veterans' Home in Roseburg, Oregon.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- No discussion

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Resolves conflicts.

**BACKGROUND:** The United States Department of Veterans' Affairs estimates more than 900 skilled nursing facility beds are needed in Oregon. There is one veterans' home in The Dalles with 151 beds. House Bill 2761 enacted by the 1995 Legislature authorized the Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to solicit proposals for a donation of land to build a second veterans' home. HB 2761 limited the department's authority to solicit proposals to build additional veterans' homes, requiring a period of evaluation to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the two homes in operation.

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs received proposals from the City of Coquille and Linn, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, and Jackson Counties. The site evaluation committee recommended Linn County for the second veterans' home, with 150 beds. They also recommended building a third veterans' home in Douglas County. House Bill 2578 authorizes the Department to build a third veterans' home.

To be eligible for federal construction funds, a local match of 35% of the facility cost is required, which the Department has secured from local governments and donations of land in The Dalles and in Linn County.