

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure  
**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 5/11, 5/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows for development of two additional veterans' homes under certain circumstances. Requires Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to enter into contract to conduct study of current and future need for skilled nursing beds and to determine whether veterans using beds could receive care through community-based systems. Directs ODVA to report on study to Legislative Assembly on or before May 31, 2015. Repeals provisions related to contract on January 2, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for additional veterans' homes
- Ways to serve veterans within their communities
- Location of second veterans' home
- Staffing of veterans' home
- Community-based care for veterans and other Oregonians

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

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon currently has one veterans' home, located in The Dalles. The home has a total of 151 beds for veterans - 126 for skilled nursing care and 25 for memory care. Once completed, a second veterans' home in Lebanon, Oregon will have an additional 100-150 beds. Current law provides for a maximum of two veterans' homes.

House Bill 3208A authorizes the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to begin planning for and developing two additional veterans' homes if ODVA determines that the existing two facilities are insufficient to provide for Oregon's veterans. House Bill 3208A requires ODVA to enter into a contract for a study on the current and future need for skilled nursing beds for veterans, including whether veterans using those beds could be adequately served through community-based care.