

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

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

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/8, 3/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates a Task Force on Military Families. Directs Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs and Oregon Military Department to provide staff support to Task Force. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Military families have distinct needs from veterans
- Family support is important for veteran reintegration
- Best source of information about veterans is military families

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3391 creates a Task Force on Military Families. Currently, military families are unrepresented. The Task Force created by House Bill 3391 would represent military family members from across the state and in different branches of the service. The Task Force would educate the public about the needs of military families and act as an advocate for them before the Legislature. Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs and Oregon Military Department would provide the staff support for the Task Force to conduct its business.