

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Parrish
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Verger

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 23 – 0 – 2

House

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

Nays:

Exc: Buckley, Richardson

Senate

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

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 20, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: House Bill 3391 establishes a Task Force on Military Families, consisting of at least nine members, and charged with educating the public about the needs of military families, and identifying resources to assist military families throughout the state. The bill directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Oregon Military Department to provide staff support for the task force. Members of the task force are entitled to travel and other expenses reimbursements. Claims for reimbursement expenses are to be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Oregon Military Department. The bill also requires the task force to prepare educational and outreach materials to assist in bridging the gap between military and civilian sectors.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for the task force

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3391 creates a Task Force on Military Families. Currently, military families do not have an entity addressing their specific concerns. House Bill 3391 seeks to establish a method for military families to be heard regarding which government policies are working for them. It recognizes that the needs of the military families are separate and distinct from the needs of the veteran.