

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	3 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Monnes Anderson, President Courtney, Boquist
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Olsen
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Meeting Dates:	5/4, 5/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to require United States Armed Forces to investigate cultural barriers to successful reintegration and propose solutions for better reintegration of service members returning from deployment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of successful reintegration
- Experiences of Oregonians after return from deployment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2009 Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 700, which created a Task Force on Veterans' Reintegration (Task Force) and required the Task Force to submit recommendations for better reintegration of service members returning from deployment. The Task Force found that military culture impeded reintegration by discouraging troops from self-identifying medical, emotional and psychological needs. The Task Force recommended drafting a joint memorial urging Congress to have the United States Armed Forces examine military cultural barriers and to propose solutions to eliminate the barriers.