

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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**Action:** Be Adopted  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Witt  
**Prepared By:** Jill Petty, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 3/22, 3/29

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges Congress to enact community based health care legislation for veterans.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Oregon’s history of community based long term care for seniors
- Offers veterans opportunity to stay in their local community
- Less costly than skilled nursing beds in a veterans’ home

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

**BACKGROUND:** In 2009, James Zimmerman, Veterans Health Administration, made a presentation before the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee (Committee). The philosophy of the Veterans Health Administration is to place veterans who require long term care in the least restrictive environment, preferably at home or in community based systems. The United States Department of Veterans’ Affairs funding for community-based long term care is insufficient. House Joint Memorial 15 urges Congress to pay for veterans’ care in community based systems.