

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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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

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges Congress to enact community-based health care legislation for veterans and to allow state veterans' homes to provide assisted living for veterans.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Options for community-based health care
- Importance of independent living with adequate support

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

**BACKGROUND:** 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 (USDVA) generally does not pay for community-based long term care.

House Joint Memorial 15 urges Congress to allow the USDVA to pay for veterans' care in community-based systems and to allow state veterans' homes to provide assisted living for veterans.