

**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 change funding of veterans' health care from discretionary entitlement to permanent and direct entitlement.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Consistency in veterans' health care funding
- Current pattern of veterans' health care funding

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

**BACKGROUND:** Veterans' health care is a discretionary entitlement expenditure in the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs' budget. Funding for veterans' health care relies upon annual budget appropriations. Many veterans' organizations would like assurance that funding for veterans' health care remains stable from year to year.

House Joint Memorial 18 urges Congress to change the funding for veterans' health care from a discretionary entitlement to a permanent and direct entitlement.