

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/16, 2/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges Congress to fund mobile health care buses for women veterans.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Women veterans' access to health care
- Success of mobile Vet Center

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

**BACKGROUND:** The Legislative Task Force on Women Veterans' Health Care, created by House Bill 2718 (2009), recognized the need for mobile health care for women veterans and recommended that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration (VA) obtain and staff a mobile health care unit for women veterans. There are 25,000 women veterans in Oregon, but only 7,000 utilize VA medical facilities and personnel. One reason many women veterans do not access VA medical care is lack of transportation. Women veterans in rural Oregon have particular difficulty accessing the medical care for which they are eligible. The Task Force concluded that the number of women veterans getting VA medical care might increase if medical care was brought to the veterans. The VA already uses a mobile Vet Center that provides counseling to veterans who would otherwise not be able to access it.

Senate Joint Memorial 6 urges Congress to fund mobile health care buses for women veterans, ensuring that women veterans are able to access care they need.