

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

April 19, 2011  
1:00 PM

Hearing Room D

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Sal Esquivel, Co-Chair  
Rep. Brad Witt, Co-Chair  
Rep. Greg Matthews, Co-Vice Chair  
Rep. Julie Parrish, Co-Vice Chair  
Rep. Deborah Boone  
Rep. John Huffman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jill Petty, Committee Administrator  
Cynthia Scott, Committee Assistant

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:** HB 2848 – Work Session  
SB 951 – Public Hearing & Work Session  
SJM 1A – Public Hearing  
SJM 6 – Public Hearing & Work Session  
HB 3611 – Public Hearing & Work Session  
HB 2019 – Work Session  
HB 2243 – Work Session

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### Recording Log

1:10:30 PM Meeting Called to Order by Co-Chair Witt

1:11:16 PM HB 2848-Work Session

1:12:07 PM Jill Petty, Committee Administrator

1:12:23 PM Co-Chair Witt

1:12:25 PM Rep. Patrick Sheehan, House District 51

1:16:16 PM Co-Chair Witt

1:16:20 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews

1:16:58 PM Rep. Sheehan

1:18:02 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews

1:19:04 PM Rep. Sheehan

1:19:27 PM Co-Chair Witt

1:19:30 PM Co-Chair Esquivel

1:19:43 PM Rep. Sheehan

1:19:50 PM Co-Chair Esquivel

1:19:52 PM Rep. Sheehan

1:19:54 PM Co-Chair Witt

1:19:56 PM Co-Vice Chair Parrish

1:20:13 PM Rep. Sheehan

1:21:08 PM Co-Chair Witt

1:21:10 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:21:40 PM Rep. Sheehan  
1:21:43 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:21:44 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
1:22:04 PM Rep. Sheehan  
1:22:06 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:22:10 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:22:27 PM Rep. Sheehan  
1:22:30 PM Co-Chair Witt

1:23:13 PM **SB 951-Public Hearing**

1:23:18 PM Rep. Sherrie Springer, House District 17  
1:26:07 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:26:12 PM Lewis White, veteran, Lebanon, Oregon  
1:31:45 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:32:20 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:32:22 PM White  
1:32:30 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:32:50 PM White  
1:33:28 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:33:32 PM Rep. Boone  
1:33:50 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:33:58 PM White  
1:33:59 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:34:09 PM {Exhibit} 1: Sen. Laurie Monnes-Anderson, Senate District 25  
1:36:26 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:36:42 PM Sen. Anderson  
1:37:05 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:37:06 PM Sen. Anderson  
1:37:12 PM Co-Chair Witt

1:37:18 PM **SJM 1A-Public Hearing**

1:37:23 PM {Exhibit} 2: Sen. Laurie Monnes-Anderson, Senate District 25  
1:39:09 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:39:51 PM {Exhibit} 3: Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs  
1:41:12 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:41:21 PM Willis  
1:41:22 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:41:23 PM The following written testimony is submitted for the record without public testimony:  
1:41:24 PM {Exhibit} 4: Brenda Wilson, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, City of Eugene

1:41:56 PM **SB 951-Public Hearing**

1:42:16 PM {Exhibit} 5: Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs  
1:46:22 PM Co-Chair Witt

1:46:47 PM Irv Fletcher, Korean War Veterans, Oregon Trail Chapter  
1:49:00 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:49:04 PM Rep. Huffman  
1:49:06 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:49:18 PM Fletcher  
1:49:23 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:49:29 PM Fletcher  
1:49:30 PM Co-Chair Witt

1:49:41 PM **SB 951-Work Session**

1:49:48 PM MOTION: Co-Chair Esquivel moves SB 951 Do Pass  
1:49:53 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:50:05 PM Rep. Matthews  
1:51:01 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:51:32 PM VOTE: 6-0-0  
1:51:33 PM AYES: Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Matthews, Esquivel, Witt  
1:51:40 PM CARRIER: REP. SPRENGER will lead discussion on the floor

1:52:01 PM **SJM 6-Public Hearing**

1:52:16 PM Jill Perry, Committee Administrator  
1:52:23 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:52:30 PM {Exhibit} 6: Val Conley, Women Veterans' Coordinator, State of Oregon  
1:55:29 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:55:33 PM Elan Lambert, Executive Director, Partnership for Veterans at Risk  
1:56:47 PM Co-Chair Witt

1:57:12 PM **SJM 6-Work Session**

1:57:28 PM MOTION: Co-Chair Esquivel moves SJM 6 Be Adopted  
1:57:35 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:57:48 PM VOTE: 6-0-0  
1:57:50 PM AYES: Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Matthews, Esquivel, Witt  
1:57:51 PM CARRIER: REP. PARRISH will lead discussion on the floor  
1:57:53 PM Co-Chair Witt

1:58:12 PM **HB 3611-Public Hearing**

1:58:20 PM {Exhibit} 7: Jill Petty, Committee Administrator  
1:59:18 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:59:35 PM Brigadier General Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military Department  
2:02:35 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:02:42 PM Gen. Caldwell  
2:02:55 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:02:59 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:03:59 PM Co-Chair Witt

2:04:19 PM **HB 3611- Work Session**

2:04:33 PM MOTION: Co-Chair Esquivel moves to adopt the -1 amendments

2:04:38 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:04:52 PM VOTE: 6-0-0  
2:04:52 PM AYES: Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Matthews, Esquivel, Witt  
2:04:54 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:05:03 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:05:07 PM Jill Perry, Committee Administrator  
2:05:11 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:05:18 PM MOTION: Co-Chair Esquivel moves HB 3611 Do Pass as amended and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference  
2:05:29 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:05:52 PM VOTE: 6-0-0  
2:05:52 PM AYES: Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Matthews, Esquivel, Witt

2:06:10 PM **HB 2019-Work Session**

2:06:17 PM Jill Petty, Committee Administrator  
2:06:56 PM {Exhibit} 8: Co-Chair Witt  
2:07:22 PM Brigadier General Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military Department  
2:09:33 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:09:37 PM Rep. Huffman  
2:09:49 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:10:05 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
2:10:14 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:10:18 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
2:10:43 PM Gen. Caldwell  
2:10:46 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:10:58 PM MOTION: Co-Vice Chair Matthews moves to adopt -2 amendments  
2:11:04 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:11:19 PM VOTE: 6-0-0  
2:11:19 PM AYES: Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Matthews, Esquivel, Witt  
2:11:26 PM MOTION: Co-Vice Chair moves HB 2019 Do Pass as amended  
2:11:31 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:11:52 PM VOTE: 6-0-0  
2:11:53 PM AYES: Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Matthews, Esquivel, Witt  
2:11:55 PM CARRIER: REP. MATTHEWS will lead discussion on the floor

2:12:18 PM **HB 2243-Work Session**

2:12:20 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:12:21 PM Jill Petty, Committee Administrator  
2:12:48 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:12:54 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
2:15:50 PM Co-Chair Witt

2:16:30 PM **HB 2848-Work Session**

2:17:36 PM Bob Maxwell, Medal of Honor, recipient  
2:17:39 PM Jill Petty, Committee Administrator

2:17:42 PM Maxwell  
2:17:44 PM Petty  
2:17:53 PM Maxwell  
2:17:55 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:18:28 PM Maxwell  
2:18:48 PM {Exhibit} 9: Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:19:03 PM Maxwell  
2:19:12 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:19:16 PM Maxwell  
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2:25:19 PM Maxwell  
2:25:20 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:25:22 PM Co-Chair Witt

2:25:27 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:25:40 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:26:16 PM {Exhibit} 10: Jon Huddle, U.S. Army Veteran, La Pine, Oregon  
2:30:35 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:30:40 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:30:44 PM Huddle  
2:30:51 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:30:54 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:31:36 PM Brigadier General Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military  
Department  
2:34:12 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:34:14 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:34:38 PM Gen. Caldwell  
2:34:44 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:34:47 PM Gen. Caldwell  
2:34:49 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:35:05 PM MOTION: Co-Chair Esquivel moves to adopt -6 amendments  
2:35:21 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:36:13 PM VOTE: 6-0-0  
2:36:14 PM AYES: Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Matthews, Esquivel, Witt  
2:36:28 PM MOTION: Co-Chair Esquivel moves HB 2848 Do Pass as amended  
2:36:35 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:36:50 PM Co-Vice Chair Parrish  
2:38:20 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:38:41 PM Rep. Huffman  
2:39:30 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:39:40 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:39:52 PM Co-Vice Chair Parrish  
2:39:52 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:39:54 PM Co-Vice Chair Parrish  
2:39:55 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:39:57 PM Co-Vice Chair Parrish  
2:39:59 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:40:02 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
2:40:53 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:41:29 PM VOTE: 5-1-0  
2:41:29 PM AYES: Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Esquivel, Witt: NAYS; Parrish  
2:41:33 PM CARRIER: REP. WITT will lead discussion on the floor  
2:41:39 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
2:41:42 PM Meeting Adjourned by Co-Chair Witt

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### Exhibit Summary

1:34:09 PM {Exhibit} 1: SB 951, written testimony, Sen. Laurie Monnes-Anderson, 1 p

**1:37:23 PM** {Exhibit} 2: SJM 1A, written testimony, Sen. Laurie Monnes-Anderson, 1 p  
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**1:52:30 PM** {Exhibit} 6: SJM 6, written testimony, Val Conley, 2 pp  
**1:58:20 PM** {Exhibit} 7: HB 3611, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p  
**2:06:56 PM** {Exhibit} 8: HB 2019, -2 amendments, Co-Chair Witt, 2 pp  
**2:18:48 PM** {Exhibit} 9: HB 2848, -6 amendments, Co-Chair Esquivel, 1 p  
**2:26:16 PM** {Exhibit} 10: HB 2848, written testimony, Jon Huddle, 2 pp

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