

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** None**Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to establish via rule, reasonable compensation for ordinary and unusual services rendered by ODVA as conservator and personal representative. Removes ceiling on ODVA's compensation of five percent of income to veteran's estate. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) operates a Conservatorship Program (Program) for veterans deemed incompetent by either the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the courts; however, the Program is not self-sufficient. Under current law, the ODVA may charge a fee of no more than five percent of the income under its management, plus reasonable compensation for unusual services. The ODVA does not charge destitute veterans in need of conservatorship services, and covers the cost of the Program by taking funds from its loan department. House Bill 2044 removes the five percent limit on fees and allows the ODVA to conduct rulemaking to establish reasonable compensation for its Conservatorship Program.

*House committee vote: 6 • 0 • 1**House floor vote: 59 • 0 • 1*