

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** Judiciary**Action:****Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

**Prepared By:** Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/7, 2/14, 2/21**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs agencies to include information about active servicemembers' federal right to stay proceedings, with other required notices to parties.**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

*[-5 amendment]* Exempts agencies already providing SCRA information. Permits agencies to exhaust current inventory of pre-printed forms. Modifies statement added to notices already required by statute, to inform servicemembers of SCRA right to stay proceedings, and to provide contact information for further SCRA protections.

*[-6 amendment]* Same as above, with emergency clause.

*Note: Amendment of Senate Bill 125 was aimed at permitting agencies not already providing notice of SCRA protections, to comply by using language substantially similar to the following: "NOTE TO MILITARY PERSONNEL: Active duty servicemembers have a right to stay these proceedings under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Contact the Oregon State Bar at 800-452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 800-452-7500, or the nearest legal assistance office, <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>."*

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon currently requires agencies to notify parties of certain rights and procedures in advance of hearings in contested cases, and of their right to a hearing generally. Senate Bill 125 adds to these notices, information regarding active duty servicemembers' right stay the proceedings pursuant to the Servicemember Civil Relief Act.