

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.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/7, 2/28

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' rights to stay proceedings pursuant to the Servicemember Civil Relief Act.