

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

House Committee on Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Health Care**

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**Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Elizabeth Edwards, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Instructs health professional regulatory boards to authorize spouse or domestic partner of active member of Armed Forces. Requires qualifying spouse or domestic partner show evidence of four things: marriage or domestic partnership to active member assigned to a duty station in Oregon; authorization by another state or territory; services provided or taught for one of past three years; and competency. Permits health professional regulatory boards to issue temporary authorization to applicant military spouses or domestic partners if they affirm they requested authorization from state or territory of other authorization, and they are not subject to disciplinary action in for state or territory of authorization. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

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

**BACKGROUND:** Many occupations require state licenses, often with state-specific conditions and processes, which can cause lengthy re-employment delays for people moving between states. Military spouses are ten times more likely than their civilian counterparts to move across state lines. The delays and added expense of re-licensure are a barrier to many military spouses practicing in their chosen field of work. House Bill 2037 requires health professional regulatory boards, under certain circumstance, to issue licenses to practice to spouses or domestic partners of active members of the Armed Forces who are subject to military transfer to Oregon.