77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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House Committee on Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness

CARRIER: Rep. Bailey
Rep. Parrish

MEASURE: HCR 3

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

 Action:
 Be Adopted

 Vote:
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Yeas: Boone, Esquivel, Fagan, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Matthews

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Recognizes Korean veterans for service during Vietnam War.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Difficulty obtaining benefits for Korean veterans who are now American citizens
- Effects of service in Vietnam War including post-traumatic stress disorder and exposure to agent orange
- Companion bill HB 2891

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Over 325,500 Korean soldiers fought alongside American soldiers during the Vietnam War. Of those Korean soldiers, 5,099 were killed and 10,962 were injured. It is estimated that 1,300 Korean veterans live in the United States, of which approximately 95 percent are American citizens. Approximately 13 Korean veterans of the Vietnam War live in Oregon. House Concurrent Resolution 3 honors Korean veterans for their heroic service in the Vietnam War.