

**77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee on Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness**

**MEASURE: HJM 9**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Esquivel**

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boone, Esquivel, Fagan, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Matthews
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/28

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges Congress to change funding of veterans' health care from discretionary entitlement to permanent and direct entitlement.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Concerns with backlog at United States Department of Veterans Affairs and impact on service
- Importance of consistent and reliable funding
- Supporting soldiers when they come home

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, federal spending on veterans' health care is discretionary. Veterans are able to receive health care services through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' health care system only to the extent congressional appropriations allow. House Joint Memorial 9 urges Congress to make the funding of veterans' health care a permanent and direct entitlement.

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