

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Esquivel, Fagan, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Matthews
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/9, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to develop means of disclosure to states where persons convicted of sex crimes in military courts plan to reside.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current sex offender registration system administered by Oregon State Patrol
- Being acquainted with your neighbors
- The impact of Military Sexual Trauma on over one third of female servicemembers
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Each state has a sex offender registration system. Persons convicted of crimes that require registration in the civilian world are legally responsible for reporting to local law enforcement and maintaining current information. Correctional facilities and/or post-conviction service providers in the civilian world also communicate with local law enforcement as a safeguard in the event a civilian offender fails to report. However, there is currently no equivalent communication from the federal level to state or local law enforcement about persons convicted of crimes that require registration as a sex offender while serving in the military. The responsibility rests solely on the offender.

Last year an estimated 20,000 “violent sexual offenses” occurred within the military. According to Pentagon estimates, the number of such offenses has increased every year since 2006. Senate Joint Memorial 1 supports the development of a means to disclose military crimes that require sex offender registration so states may enforce reporting and registration requirements against military offenders, as well as civilian offenders.