77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HJM 9

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

 Action:
 Be Adopted

 Vote:
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Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, Boquist

Nays: 0

Exc.: President Courtney

Prepared By: Cheyenne Ross, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 5/2, 5/9

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

CARRIER: Sen. Monnes Anderson

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of memorial
- Unions' strong historical support for veterans

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Federal spending on veterans' health care is currently 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.