HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' SERVICES AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

April 04, 2013 Hearing Room E

1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Greg Matthews, Chair

Rep. Shemia Fagan, Vice-Chair Rep. Julie Parrish, Vice-Chair

Rep. Deborah Boone Rep. Sal Esquivel Rep. John Huffman Rep. Brad Witt

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator

Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2086 - Public Hearing

HJR 29 – Public Hearing

Recording Log

1:05:02 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Matthews

1:05:34 PM HB 2086 & HJR 29 - Public Hearing

1:05:47 PM Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator

1:06:46 PM Chair Matthews

1:07:07 PM {Exhibit} 1: Martha Schrader, Clackamas County Commissioner

1:11:24 PM Chair Matthews

1:11:47 PM Rep. Julie Parrish, House District 37

1:23:43 PM Chair Matthews

1:24:12 PM Schrader

1:24:44 PM Sen. Alan Olsen, Senate District 20

1:26:05 PM Vice-Chair Parrish

1:28:02 PM Chair Matthews

1:28:13 PM Vice-Chair Parrish

1:29:34 PM Chair Matthews

1:29:36 PM Vice-Chair Parrish

1:30:10 PM Chair Matthews

1:30:37 PM {Exhibit} 2: Larry Niswender, Director, Oregon Lottery

1:31:37 PM Chair Matthews

1:33:53 PM Belle Landau, Executive Director, Returning Veterans Project

1:36:08 PM Tena Olson, veterans advocate; Operation Desert Storm veteran

1:40:15 PM Chair Matthews

1:44:16 PM Greg Seaver, Vietnam veteran; In Country Motorcycle Club

1:44:38 PM Rep. Esquivel

- **1:46:00 PM** Cameron Smith, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
- **1:49:48 PM** Brigadier General Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military Department
- **1:52:57 PM** {Exhibit} 3 4: Chair Matthews
- 1:54:50 PM Vice-Chair Parrish
- 1:55:19 PM Caldwell
- 1:56:19 PM Smith
- 1:56:46 PM Vice-Chair Parrish
- **1:57:02 PM** Caldwell
- 1:57:45 PM Vice-Chair Parrish
- 1:58:09 PM Caldwell
- 1:59:52 PM Vice-Chair Parrish
- 2:00:31 PM Smith
- 2:01:46 PM Vice-Chair Parrish
- 2:01:54 PM Vice-Chair Fagan
- 2:02:07 PM Smith
- 2:02:18 PM Chair Matthews
- 2:02:57 PM Caldwell
- 2:03:35 PM Jennifer Kotz, Coordinator, Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program
- 2:05:05 PM Carrie Froelich, Family Assistance Coordinator, Oregon National Guard
- 2:06:18 PM Chair Matthews
- 2:06:21 PM Caldwell
- 2:07:01 PM Chair Matthews
- 2:07:04 PM Caldwell
- 2:07:36 PM Ken Kraft, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1324
- **2:08:02 PM** Rep. Esquivel
- 2:08:14 PM Kraft
- 2:11:03 PM Tyler Marriott, Past State Commander, Oregon VFW
- **2:14:20 PM** Patrick Mulcahy, military veteran
- 2:16:20 PM Chair Matthews
- 2:16:53 PM Deanna Dalton, 211-Info; Army veteran
- **2:20:13 PM** {Exhibit} 5: Ryan Fisher, Community Action Partnership; Oregon Housing Authorities
- **2:21:49 PM** Mike Sullivan, Political Director, Association of Western Pulp & Paper Workers
- 2:23:34 PM Rep. Esquivel
- 2:24:18 PM Lisa Herseim, Army veteran; hospice nurse
- 2:26:42 PM Travis Herseim, Army veteran; VFW employee
- 2:29:02 PM Chair Matthews
- **2:29:37 PM** {Exhibit} 6 7: Sherry Stock, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Oregon
- 2:32:55 PM Rep. Esquivel
- 2:34:37 PM Theda Tawny, Gold Star mother
- 2:36:34 PM Chair Matthews
- 2:36:43 PM Tawney
- 2:37:35 PM Christopher Plummer, Iraq War veteran

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2:40:54 PM Chair Matthews
2:41:21 PM Rep. Boone
2:41:32 PM Plummer
2:42:06 PM Rep. Boone
2:42:38 PM Plummer
2:42:53 PM Rep. Esquivel
2:43:02 PM Plummer
2:43:06 PM Rep. Esquivel
2:44:12 PM Maria Brennan, mother of Iraq War veteran Matthew Brennan
2:44:17 PM Michael Brennan, father of Matthew Brennan
2:44:30 PM Maria Brennan
2:44:52 PM Michael Brennan
2:45:37 PM Maria Brennan
2:46:06 PM Michael Brennan
2:47:50 PM Chair Matthews
2:48:45 PM Maria Brennan
2:49:52 PM Chair Matthews
2:50:06 PM Rep. Boone
2:50:59 PM Michael Brennan
2:51:42 PM Rep. Esquivel
2:51:58 PM Michael Brennan
2:52:25 PM Rep. Esquivel
2:52:40 PM Michael Brennan
2:52:54 PM Chair Matthews
2:53:31 PM Vice-Chair Parrish
2:56:09 PM Chair Matthews
2:58:10 PM {Exhibit} 8 - 9: witness registration
2:58:12 PM Meeting Adjourned by Chair Matthews
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Exhibit Summary

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1:07:07 PM {Exhibit} 1: HJR 29, written testimony, Martha Schrader, 1 p
1:30:37 PM {Exhibit} 2: HB 2086, -1 amendments, staff, 2 pp
1:52:57 PM {Exhibit} 3: HB 2086, written testimony, Paul Evans, 1 p
1:52:57 PM {Exhibit} 4: HJR 29, written testimony, Paul Evans, 1 p
1:52:57 PM {Exhibit} 5: HJR 29, written testimony, Ryan Fisher, 2 pp
1:52:37 PM {Exhibit} 6: HB 2086, fact sheet, Sherry Stock, 2 pp
1:53:10 PM {Exhibit} 8: HB 2086, witness registration, staff, 1 p
1:50:53:54 PM {Exhibit} 9: HJR 29, witness registration, staff, 1 p
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