

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/10, 3/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits each county to appoint volunteer veterans' ombudsman with specified qualifications to complement county veterans' service officers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- General support for measure, ideas for possible improvement
- Other structural analogies: successful county volunteer programs; CASA program; long-term care ombudsman
- Importance of training and education; a coordinator rather than an ombudsman

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: