

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress and Secretary of Veterans Affairs to direct the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Portland Regional Benefit Office to release data regarding Patient-Centered Community Care program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: The Patient-Centered Community Care program (PC3 program) has awarded over \$9 billion in contracts to establish local healthcare provider networks in order to eliminate long travel times to U.S. Veterans' Administration (VA) medical centers for rural veterans. The VA has yet to release any data, such as the number of veterans served by community-based outpatient clinics at the city, county, or state level; the number of providers enrolled by PC3 program contractors; waiting times; funds expended, et cetera.

House Joint Memorial 14-A urges a release of information regarding the VA's PC3 program.

House Committee: 7 – 0 – 0

House Floor: 59 – 0 – 1