

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE: No Revenue Impact**

**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued**

**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/21

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Permits counties and Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) to appoint volunteers to provide support services and assistance to those ODVA serves. Describes duties and provides for oversight. Requires background check and protection of client confidentiality. Permits reimbursement for expenses and other incidentals. Permits ODVA to provide training. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Proposed -2 recognizes in the preamble Richard Gorby and Jean Maxwell have expended extensive time and effort to organize volunteers to provide support services and assistance to veterans, spouses and dependents of veterans, and survivors of veterans in the state.

**BACKGROUND:** Many local communities in Oregon rely on volunteers who assist and advocate for veterans. This valuable volunteer service develops organically and differently from one locality to the next. Senate Bill 89-A provides a formal appointment for volunteers, the opportunity for them to receive training, some uniformity of responsibilities, and the potential for reimbursement of costs and incidentals.