

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Incarcerated Veterans. Requires report to Legislature by September 15, 2016. Sunsets December 31, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- The effect of the A-4 Amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

The A-4 Amendment appropriates \$21,068 General Fund to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs for services and supplies expenses related to the Task Force.

BACKGROUND:

In a 2013 study published in the *Justice Policy Journal*, 19.1 percent of Oregon Department of Corrections inmates were reported to be veterans. Oregon had the highest percentage of veteran state prisoners that year compared to other states; the next closest percentage of veteran inmates was in Nevada, at 11.3 percent

House Bill 2838-A creates a task force to study and make recommendations regarding services for incarcerated veterans.