

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/14/15

**Action:** Do Pass And Be Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference

**Meeting Dates:** 03/31, 04/14

**Vote:**

Yeas: 6 - Esquivel, Evans, Huffman, Lively, Parrish, Piluso

Exc: 1 - Boone

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Number of identified homeless veterans in Oregon (1,494)

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 3354 establishes the Task Force on Innovative Housing Strategies for Veterans. This task force will examine alternative housing purchase methods and other cooperative housing strategies. It seeks to develop a plan for implementation, including designating the state agency or entity responsible for administration, identification of barriers and possible outcomes, the amount and nature of available and required financial resources, standards for veteran eligibility, and other factors relevant to evaluating feasibility. The task force will submit a report, which may include recommendations for legislation, to appropriate committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2016.