

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/21/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 04/07, 04/21

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Huffman, Lively, Parrish, Piluso

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges Congress to change funding of veterans' health care from discretionary entitlement to permanent and direct entitlement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, federal spending on veterans' health care is discretionary. Veterans are able to receive health care services through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' health care system only to the extent congressional appropriations allow. In 2013 the legislature passed HJM 9 which addressed concerns with backlog at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the importance of consistent and reliable funding, and supporting service members when they leave active duty.

House Joint Memorial 18 urges Congress to make the funding of veterans' health care a permanent and direct entitlement.