

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/21/15

**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed And Be Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/26, 04/21

**Vote:**

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

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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
- Synchronization of statewide programs

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Replaces original measure.

**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.