

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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

**Action:** Be Adopted As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/26, 04/21

**Vote:**

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

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Urges Congress and Secretary of Veterans Affairs to direct the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Portland Regional Benefit Office to release data regarding Patient-Centered Community Care program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Role of Country Veterans' Service Officers (CVSO)
- Travel time for rural medical care

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Clarifies and adds language of Patient-Centered Community Care (PC3) program and VA Choice Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

Rural veterans often face challenges when accessing medical treatment or procedures from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers. The Patient-Centered Community Care (PC3) program has awarded over \$9 billion in contracts to companies to establish local healthcare provider networks to eliminate long travel times to VA medical centers. The VA has yet to provide information showing the number of veterans served by Community-Based Outpatient Clinics at the city, county, or state level, and the number of providers enrolled by PC3 contractors, waiting times or funds expended by the PC3 contractors.

House Joint Memorial 14-A petitions for a release of information regarding the PC3 program.