

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

MEASURE: SB 251
CARRIER: Rep. Esquivel

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/21/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 04/23, 05/21

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies authority of Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to act without bond as fiduciary for veterans' benefits and receive payment of social security and supplemental security income benefits on behalf of qualifying veterans and their dependents. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ODVA's role as conservator and representative payee

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The authority of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to act as conservator on behalf of veterans who are not able to manage their financial affairs is governed by ORS 406.050; however, two conservator functions are not specifically described, that of fiduciary, and that of representative payee. Senate Bill 251 specifies ODVA's functions as fiduciary and representative payee, in its role as conservator, in the state's authorizing statutes.