

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

MEASURE: HJM 18
CARRIER: Sen. Monnes Anderson

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/26/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 05/19, 05/26

Vote:

Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

Exc: 1 - President Courtney

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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 memorial

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.

Oregon's Legislative Assembly has sent a message to Congress about the importance of consistent and reliable funding for veterans' health care going back six years with three previous House Joint Memorials: HJM 21 (2009), HJM 18 (2011) and HJM 9 (2013).

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