

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

MEASURE: SB 89 B
CARRIER: Rep. Huffman

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/02/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 05/21, 06/02

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits counties and Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to appoint volunteers to provide support services and assistance to those ODVA serves. Describes duties and provides for oversight. Requires background check and protection of client confidentiality. Permits reimbursement for expenses and other incidentals. Permits ODVA to provide training. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Roles of County Veterans Service Officers (CVSOs)
- CVSO volunteer support

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Recognizes Jean Maxwell in preamble for extensive time and effort spent organizing volunteers to provide support and assistance to veterans, spouses, dependents of veterans, and survivors of veterans in the state.

BACKGROUND:

Many local communities in Oregon rely on volunteers who assist and advocate for veterans. This valuable volunteer service develops organically and differently from one locality to the next. Senate Bill 89-B provides a formal appointment for volunteers, the opportunity for them to receive training, some uniformity of responsibilities, and the potential for reimbursement of costs and incidentals.