78th Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2016 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 1524 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

Action Date: 02/11/16

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 02/02, 02/04, 02/09, 02/11

Vote:

Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, President Courtney

Exc: 1 - Olsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Exempts eligible veterans from annual medical examination requirement applicable to medical marijuana cardholders who are assigned a total and permanent disability rating due to a service-connected disability (unable to secure or follow substantially gainful occupation) or determined to be 100 percent permanently disabled as result of injury or illness incurred or aggravated during active military service.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Joint Marijuana Committee's relationship to this bill
- Concerns over veterans' health
- Differences in prescribing medical marijuana for veterans

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Persons with medical marijuana cards are currently required to see a physician annually to maintain their eligibility. House Bill 1524A creates an exception for 100 percent, permanently disabled veterans.