

HJM 10 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges Congress and the President to extend benefits to Reserve and National Guard personnel deployed under Title 10 U.S.C. 12304b comparable to benefits received by active duty personnel under other mobilization authority.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The 2012 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) added section 12304b to Title 10 of the United States Code to expand the authority of the Department of Defense to deploy National Guard and Reserve forces on pre-planned missions to augment active duty personnel. National Guard and Reserve forces deployed pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 12304b are not currently eligible to receive benefits that are available to active duty service members deployed pursuant to 38 U.S.C. and 10 U.S.C. 1145, such as health care, the GI Bill, and retirement. Oregon has no active duty military bases so mobilizations involving Oregon personnel are almost entirely pursuant to section 12304b. There have been approximately 4,700 mobilizations since NDAA of 2012, with more expected into the future. The U.S. House of Representatives' National Guard and Reserve Caucus Co-Chairs, Representative Steven Palazzo (R-MS) and Representative Tim Walz (D-MN) have introduced H.R.1384, entitled the "Reserve Component Benefits Parity Act of 2017," which would extend benefits to personnel deployed pursuant to section 12304b.

House Joint Memorial 10 urges Congress to pass and the President to sign legislation that would extend benefits to Reserve and National Guard personnel deployed under Title 10 U.S.C. 12304b similar to benefits received by active duty service members deployed under other mobilization authority.