

HJM 6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 5/16, 5/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges mandatory funding of veterans' health care by Congress.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF 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 that congressional appropriations allow.

House Joint Memorial 6 represents Oregon's seventh consecutive request for Congress to act, to change the funding of veterans' health care to a permanent and direct entitlement.