

HJM 6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Carrier: Rep. Esquivel

Action Date: 03/30/17
Action: Be Adopted.
Vote: 7-0-1-0
Yeas: 7 - Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Parrish, Post
Exc: 1 - Boone
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges Congress to change the funding of veterans' health care from a discretionary entitlement to a permanent and direct entitlement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of Measure
- History of similar measures

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 third consecutive request for Congress to act, consistent with House Joint Memorial 9 in 2013 and House Joint Memorial 18 in 2015.

House Joint Memorial 6 urges Congress to make the funding of veterans' health care a permanent and direct entitlement for the third time.