

HJM 6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 05/23/17

Action: Be adopted.

Vote: 3-0-1-0

Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, President Courtney

Exc: 1 - Olsen

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges mandatory funding of veterans' health care by Congress.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of State pressure on Congress to stabilize health care funding for veterans

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 spanning a period of 12 years, urging Congress to act, to change the funding of veterans' health care to a permanent and direct entitlement.