

**SB 37 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Clarifies statutes relating to Veterans' Homes to distinguish between them, provide consistent application of provisions, and make admissions practices uniform.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs recent review of statutes concerning Veterans' Homes

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

There are currently two Veterans' Homes in Oregon to provide qualifying veterans with long-term care, one in The Dalles and one in Lebanon, and Oregon law provides for two more. Admittance to a Veterans' Home is a benefit that honorably discharged veterans have earned, that extends to their spouses and to the parents of children who died serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. ODVA conducted a comprehensive review of statutes governing Veterans' Homes, resulting in Senate Bill 37.

Senate Bill 37 clearly identifies each Veterans' Home, making admissions practices uniform and providing consistent application of provisions.