

SB 938 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Article XI-Q general obligation bonds to construct veterans' home in Roseburg. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to correct amount from \$17.5 million to \$14 million
- Previous attempt to move forward on construction; complexity of funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

There are currently two Veterans' Homes in Oregon that 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.

Senate Bill 938 authorizes the State Treasurer to issue general obligation bonds under Article XI-Q of the Oregon Constitution to produce \$17,500,000 net proceeds for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to construct a veterans' home in Roseburg, Oregon.