

**SB 307 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Riley

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 03/24/21

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Beyer, Knopp, Manning Jr, Patterson

**Nays:** 1 - Heard

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/10, 3/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Health Authority to waive fees for obtaining medical marijuana card for veterans who have total disability rating of at least 50 percent as result of injury or illness incurred or aggravated during active military service, and who received discharge or release under other than dishonorable conditions.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Medical marijuana use and access by veterans
- Potential impact of medical marijuana use on veterans' benefits
- Ability of Veterans' Administration providers to prescribe medical marijuana

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon voters passed Measure 67 in 1998, which allowed patients with qualifying medical conditions to obtain a medical marijuana card permitting them to grow, possess, and use limited amounts of marijuana. The new law also created a registry for patients and their designated primary caregivers who could assist them in accessing medical marijuana. As of January 2021, there were 22,603 registered patients in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

Senate Bill 307 requires the Oregon Health Authority to waive medical marijuana card fees for qualified disabled veterans.