74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Veteran's Affairs

MEASURE: HB 2013 CARRIER:

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued	
Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue then Ways and Means
	by prior reference
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boquist, Cowan, Schaufler, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Scott
Prepared By:	Jim Keller, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/24

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued **FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not vet issued

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates the Oregon Military Family Relief Program in the Oregon Military Department. Directs the Department of Revenue to establish a charitable check-off on personal income tax return forms or instructions for check-off contributions to the Oregon Military Family Relief Program. Establishes the Oregon Military Relief Program Check-off Contribution Account for check-off contributions. Continuously appropriates check-off contributions to the Oregon Military Department for the Oregon Military Family Relief Program. Modifies provisions relating to how eligible entities may qualify for chartable contribution check-off listing on tax return forms. Modifies provisions relating to listing of entities and designation of amounts contributed. Applies to biennial years beginning on or after the effective date of the measure. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current amount of funds received through the charitable check-off program
- Reasons to rotate organizations on the tax form
- Role of the Charitable Check-off Commission

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: During the 2005 Legislative Session, the Oregon Military Emergency Financial Assistance Fund was created, allowing for funds to be donated through the charitable check-off program. As of March 15, 2007, the program has received 2,742 donations for a total of \$24,384.84.

House Bill 2013 creates the Oregon Military Family Relief Program, which would provide grants and loans with funds received through a charitable check-off program. The purpose of the program is to provide grants or loans to members of the Oregon National Guard, members of the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States, and spouses and dependents of members of the Oregon National Guard or reserves.