74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Health Policy & Public Affairs

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact Action: Do Pass Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson Yeas: Navs: 0 Exc.: 0 **Prepared By:** Shannon Strumpfer, Administrator **Meeting Dates:** 2/28

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

HB 2159

Sen. Carter

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Deletes the monetary limit on farm loans to veterans.

ISSUES DISCUSSED: Provisions of the measure.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under ORS 407.205 a veteran is limited to a loan of \$185,000 for the home portion of an agriculture/farm property. In 1984 and 1986 the federal tax law changed adding restrictions on the Qualified Veteran Mortgage Bonds that the Department could sell to make veteran home loans.

House Bill 2159 would remove the limit of \$185,000 and align Oregon statutes to the federal tax law changes.