## 75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Public Affairs

MEASURE: CARRIER:

FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	George, Girod, Rosenbaum, Bonamici
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Burdick
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Meeting Dates:	5/7

## **REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Makes knowingly taking advantage of customer who is disabled veteran or servicemember, servicemember in active service or spouse of disabled veteran, disabled servicemember or servicemember in active service unconscionable tactic and unlawful trade practice.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Federal Servicemembers Relief Act and federal remedies
- Scams targeting veterans and servicemembers
- Remedies under Unlawful Trade Practices Act
- Criminal acts against servicemembers

## EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act currently protects servicemembers in active duty, disabled veterans, disabled servicemembers and their spouses. The Act, however, only provides federal enforcement of the consumer protection provisions. House Bill 3020A provides additional consumer protection of servicemembers, disabled veterans, disabled servicemembers and their spouses by incorporating the relevant federal provisions into Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act and by providing clear protection under state law.