

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 6 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel, Witt
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to pass the Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act. Describes musculoskeletal injuries sustained by service members. Emphasizes role of chiropractic care and spinal manipulation in reducing back pain.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Availability of chiropractic physicians in Veterans Hospitals
- Percent of veterans with disabling musculoskeletal injury

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A 2010 study by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Public Health and Environmental Hazards showed that musculoskeletal and connective system damage are the number one ailment of Iraq and Afghanistan theater veterans. The only non-drug based treatment for acute, subacute, and chronic back pain recommended by the State of Oregon Evidence-based Clinical Guidelines is spinal manipulation; of which, 94% is practiced by chiropractic physicians. House Joint Memorial 201 urges Congress to adopt the Chiropractic Care for All Veterans Act, thereby encouraging the use of chiropractic care in the treatment of musculoskeletal injuries.