

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

MEASURE: HB 2230
CARRIER: Rep. Nathanson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/26/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/12, 02/26

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Lively, Parrish, Piluso

Exc: 1 - Huffman

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) notify Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) upon receipt of self-identified information from veteran or active service member. Restricts notification to name and address. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015. Becomes operative January 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Incorporating Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) into future veteran referral to ODVA
- Fiscal impact
- Contacting veterans electronically and through traditional mail

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

There are about 330,000 veterans in Oregon; about three in ten receive benefits. In order to increase the use of benefits, the legislature passed House Bill 2421 in 2013, which required the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)/Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to provide the Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) with names and addresses of veterans or active service members who applied for licenses, identification cards, certificates of vehicle title, or vehicle registrations. The veteran or active service member had to indicate that they would like to be contacted by ODVA and provide written authorization to DMV to release their name and address. To date, ODVA has contacted roughly 25,000 Oregon veterans or active service members from voluntary DMV referral.

House Bill 2230 expands voluntary identification to ODVA through veteran or active service member interaction with the Oregon Health Authority.