

SB 36 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 1/30, 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Refines and updates Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) authority to engage in administration of residential home loans for veterans. Modifies purpose of such loans - to acquire homes and farms - by removing references to improvements. Updates definition of "home" to include manufactured homes and condominiums and removes references to mobile homes and houseboats. Conforms to federal bond and lending requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ODVA's review of statutes governing home loans for veterans

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon is one of only five states that offers a veteran home loan program, separate from the federal VA Home Loan Guaranty, and administered by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA). Approximately \$8 billion in low-interest home loans has been made available to more than 334,000 veteran borrowers since 1945. ODVA conducted a comprehensive review of statutes governing home and farm loans to veterans, resulting in Senate Bill 36.

Senate Bill 36 refines ODVA's authority to administer home loans to veterans to modernize language usage and make provisions consistent with current practice.