

SB 37 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies statutes relating to veterans' homes to distinguish between them, provide consistent application of provisions, and make admissions practices uniform.

no fiscal impact

no revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

There are currently two veterans' homes in Oregon that provide qualifying veterans with long-term care; one in The Dalles, and one in Lebanon. Oregon law provides for up to two more. Admittance to a veterans' home is a benefit that honorably discharged veterans have earned, and also extends to their spouses and to the parents of children who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs conducted a comprehensive review of statutes governing veterans' homes, which culminated in the introduction of Senate Bill 37. The measure clearly identifies each veterans' home, making admissions practices uniform and providing consistent application of provisions.