

SB 37 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 02/06/19

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-0-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/30, 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) recent review of statutes concerning Veterans' Homes

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

There are currently two Veterans' Homes in Oregon to provide qualifying veterans with long-term care, one in The Dalles and one in Lebanon, and Oregon law provides for two more. Admittance to a Veterans' Home is a benefit that honorably discharged veterans have earned, that extends to their spouses and to the parents of children who died serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. ODVA conducted a comprehensive review of statutes governing Veterans' Homes, resulting in Senate Bill 37.

Senate Bill 37 clearly identifies each Veterans' Home, making admissions practices uniform and providing consistent application of provisions.