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Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Subject: HB 4082

Dear Chair Manning, Vice-Chair Thomsen, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), representing Oregon's 36 county governments, I am writing to you today in support of HB 4082, which would provide for proper interment of veterans whose remains are unclaimed.

Although the fiscal impact on counties is indeterminate, AOC supports this legislation because we believe all veterans deserve to be properly interred at a national cemetery. The experience of Douglas County in dealing with this issue indicates that there is a likelihood of unclaimed veterans' remains throughout the state. The initial impact on county veterans' services officers may be an initial workload increase, however, once the process for identifying and claiming those remains is set in place and understood by the entities that may be in possession of remains, the initial impact will be lessened.

The Association of Oregon Counties asks for your support of HB 4082.

Sincerely,

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