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TO: Chair Manning, Co-Chair Thomsen & Members of the Senate Committee on Veterans
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

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SUBJECT: Argument Against HB 4082

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1. HB 4082 is a noble bill for deceased veterans but, there are several flaws that need to be worked out for refinement before the end of the session. One flaw is that It puts the burden straight on the counties without any additional funding, There was not any fiscal impact included.
2. Another flaw is Section 2, para 6 describes a remains coordinator does not have any descriptions of any qualifications or requirement for Privacy Act training. That remains coordinator would handle Privacy Act information such as Social Security numbers (SSN) and could enter the SSN numbers into a system of records. That opens the door for a Privacy Act breach. (Under 42 USC the breach must be reported in a timely manner. (No later than 60 days). It would be better to have a remains coordinator at the National Cemetery where the liaison could coordinate with the mortuaries.
3. The bill also requires a data base instead of having access to ODVA's data base. Again, the burden is put on the counties instead of ODVA. I would not recommend that this bill be passed in its present form. It will need to stay in committee for refinement before a floor vote.

Thank you,



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