

HB 2341 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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Meeting Dates: 1/28, 1/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds a uniformed service member's or veteran's e-mail address to the information that the Director of Human Services, Early Learning System Director, Director of Transportation and Director of the Oregon Health Authority are required to provide to the Director of Veterans' Affairs.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ongoing advocacy work of the ODVA to connect with Oregon Veterans.
- Questions about if Veterans volunteer the information that is shared with agencies, and if that information is kept confidential.
- Questions about the process at ODVA of collecting and organizing information that is shared by agencies.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The mission of ODVA is to honor and serve all Oregon veterans and their families by aligning and delivering earned benefits and services that enhance and improve their lives in recognition of their service to our nation.

House Bill 2422 (2013) facilitated the sharing of information between ODVA and the Department of Human Services to identify service members and veterans who may be eligible to receive benefits. House Bill 2421 (2013) facilitated the sharing of information between ODVA and the Oregon Department of Transportation to identify service members and veterans who may be eligible for benefits. House Bill 2230 (2015) required the Oregon Health Authority to ask about the veteran status of individuals seeking services, and with their permission, share their contact information with ODVA.