

SB 520 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure provides unspecified appropriation amounts for distribution to Coos and Curry Counties for providing transportation services to the Roseburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025.

Fiscal impact: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost of providing transportation service from south coast to Roseburg
- Availability of state funding
- Department of Veterans Affairs approval requirement to see other providers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment specifies appropriations of \$500,000 to Coos County and \$500,000 to Curry County.

BACKGROUND:

The [Roseburg Veterans Affairs Health Care System](#) operates the Roseburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center, a teaching hospital located in Roseburg, and four clinics in Brookings, Eugene, and North Bend, along with a Community Reintegration Service Center in Eugene. The system's service area covers Coos, Curry, Douglas, and Lane Counties in Oregon, along with Del Norte County, California. According to the 2023 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, roughly 8,700 individuals in Coos and Curry Counties are veterans.

Senate Bill 520 (2025) would provide funding for transportation services from Coos and Curry Counties to the Roseburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center.