

**HB 2341 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

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

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure adds e-mail addresses to the types of contact information provided to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs when uniformed service members or veterans apply for specified benefits or programs provided by the Department of Human Services, Department of Transportation, or the Oregon Health Authority.

Fiscal impact: Minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

*HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 58; Nays, 0*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- E-mail as a form of communication and how often people check it
- Inclusion of snail mail as an outreach method
- Lack of addresses for homeless veterans

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 2422 (2013) facilitated the sharing of information between the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) and the Department of Human Services regarding service members and veterans who may be eligible to receive benefits related to their service. House Bill 2421 (2013) facilitated the sharing of information between ODVA and the Oregon Department of Transportation regarding 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 the individual's permission, share their contact information with ODVA.

House Bill 2341 adds e-mail addresses to the contact information provided to the agencies above when a service member or veteran applies for specified benefits or programs and authorizes sharing this information.