SB 803 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows the Adjutant General to make efforts to make the state-sponsored life insurance program offered through the Oregon National Guard Association available to all Oregon National Guard (ONG) members; provides opportunities for ONG members to purchase state-sponsored life insurance products; and allows representatives from the state-sponsored life insurance program to provide information to ONG members.

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 30

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Insurance options for Oregon National Guard members
- Questions about the cost of the proposed measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon National Guard Association currently offers a term life insurance program and life insurance to the age of 100 program. All Oregon National Guard members have a no-cost \$1,000 life insurance policy benefit. Members in the state-sponsored life insurance (SSLI) program can take the program with them upon leaving the National Guard and this program can pay up to a \$10,000 death benefit within 24 hours. If National Guard members meet eligibility requirements, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance may also be available. United States Code permits the Secretaries of the Army or Air Force to allow National Guard members not on active duty to make allotments from their pay for life insurance programs sponsored by the military department of the state they live in.