

**HB 2341 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Watanabe

**House Committee On Emergency Management, General  
Government, and Veterans**

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**Action Date:** 01/30/25

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Boice, Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Skarlatos, Tran, Watanabe

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/28, 1/30

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**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 the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA).

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Ongoing advocacy work of the ODVA to connect with Oregon Veterans
- Questions about whether veterans volunteer the information that is shared with agencies, and whether 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 the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (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 related to their service. 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 the individual's permission, share their contact information with ODVA.