

SB 520 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

Action Date: 02/06/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Manning Jr, Meek, Smith DB, Thatcher, Woods

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/28, 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$500,000 to Coos County and \$500,000 to Curry County for providing transportation services to the Roseburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025.

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:

No amendment.

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 A (2025) provides funding for transportation services from Coos and Curry Counties to the Roseburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center.