

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**Prepared By:** Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst**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 for veterans residing in those counties 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:

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 A provides funding for transportation services for veterans residing in Coos and Curry Counties to the Roseburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center.