

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS & EMERGENCY SERVICES

**March 26, 2009
1:00 P.M.**

Hearing Room D

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Jean Cowan, Chair**
 Rep. Greg Matthews, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Tim Freeman, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Debbie Boone
 Rep. Sal Esquivel
 Rep. Betty Komp
 Rep. Chuck Riley
 Rep. Jim Weidner

STAFF PRESENT: **David Molina, Committee Administrator**
 Debbie Nealy, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD: **HJM 8 – Public Hearing and Work Session**
 SJM 1 – Public Hearing
 HJM 8 – Work Session
 SJM 1 – Public Hearing and Work Session
 HJR 7 – Public Hearing and Work Session
 SJM 2 – Public Hearing

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1:08:55 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Cowan
1:09:06 PM HJM 8-Public Hearing
1:09:31 PM David Molina, Committee Administrator
1:09:31 PM {Exhibit} 1: Molina
1:09:31 PM {Exhibit} 2: Molina
1:10:26 PM Chair Cowan
1:10:27 PM Rep. Brian Clem, House District 21
1:10:49 PM Chair Cowan
1:10:57 PM Carol Suzuki
1:11:09 PM {Exhibit} 3: Suzuki
1:15:45 PM Chair Cowan
1:16:07 PM Rep. Clem
1:16:44 PM Chair Cowan
1:18:06 PM Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
1:18:06 PM {Exhibit} 4: Willis
1:19:59 PM Chair Cowan
1:20:01 PM Brig. Gen. Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military
Department
1:21:26 PM Chair Cowan
1:22:47 PM Kennie Namba, 442nd Veteran
1:23:01 PM Chair Cowan
1:23:09 PM Namba
1:23:31 PM Chair Cowan
1:23:33 PM Namba
1:23:39 PM Chair Cowan
1:23:43 PM Namba
1:29:14 PM Chair Cowan
1:29:15 PM Chair Cowan
1:29:30 PM George Azumano, 442nd Veteran
1:30:56 PM Vice-Chair Matthews
1:31:06 PM Donald Matsuda, Commander, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Inc.
1:31:06 PM {Exhibit} 5: Matsuda
1:33:15 PM Vice-Chair Matthews
1:33:37 PM Ruth Namba, wife of Kennie Namba
1:33:46 PM Vice-Chair Matthews
1:33:50 PM R. Namba
1:34:15 PM Vice-Chair Matthews
1:34:16 PM R. Namba
1:34:17 PM Vice-Chair Matthews

1:34:24 PM Rep. Boone
1:34:25 PM Vice-Chair Matthews
1:34:26 PM Rep. Boone
1:34:34 PM Azumano
1:34:35 PM Rep. Boone
1:34:36 PM Chair Cowan
1:34:38 PM Rep. Boone
1:34:48 PM Azumano
1:34:51 PM Chair Cowan
1:34:54 PM Rep. Boone
1:35:05 PM Chair Cowan
1:35:07 PM Rep. Weidner
1:35:48 PM Chair Cowan
1:35:57 PM Chair Cowan
1:36:00 PM Matsuda
1:36:06 PM Chair Cowan
1:36:43 PM Nellie DeVries, Public Affairs Director, Oregon War Veterans'
Association
1:36:43 PM {Exhibit} 6: DeVries
1:37:28 PM Chair Cowan
1:37:29 PM DeVries
1:37:36 PM Jeff Selby, President, Portland Japanese American Citizens
League (JACL)
1:37:36 PM {Exhibit} 7: Selby
1:40:00 PM Chair Cowan
1:40:07 PM Linda Tamura, niece of WW II veteran
1:40:07 PM {Exhibit} 8: Tamura
1:45:11 PM Chair Cowan
1:45:38 PM HJM 8-Work Session
1:46:00 PM Vice Chair Matthews
1:46:07 PM Chair Cowan
1:46:09 PM Vice-Chair Matthews
1:46:12 PM MOTION: Vice-Chair Matthews moves -1 and -2 amendments
1:46:19 PM Chair Cowan
1:46:30 PM VOTE: 8-0-0
1:46:30 PM Ayes: Boone, Esquivel, Komp, Riley, Weidner, Freeman,
Matthews, Cowan
1:46:37 PM Chair Cowan
1:46:37 PM {Exhibit} 9: Paul Evans, citizen, Monmouth, Oregon
1:46:37 PM {Exhibit} 10: Christi Iwasaki, citizen, Gig Harbor, Washington
1:46:37 PM {Exhibit} 11: Jimmie Kanaya, Retired Colonel, 442nd Regimental
Combat Team
1:46:37 PM {Exhibit} 12: Wayne Osako, Co-Chair, Grassroots Campaign, Nisei
WWII Veterans
1:47:25 PM MOTION: Vice-Chair Matthews moves HJM 8 BE ADOPTED as
AMENDED

1:47:33 PM Chair Cowan
1:47:45 PM VOTE: 7-0-1
1:47:45 PM Ayes: Boone, Komp, Riley, Weidner, Freeman, Matthews, Cowan;
Excused: Esquivel
1:48:01 PM Chair Cowan
1:48:08 PM CARRIER: REP. CLEM will lead discussion on the floor
1:48:41 PM SJM 1-Public Hearing
1:48:49 PM Meeting Recessed
1:52:15 PM Meeting Reconvened
1:52:15 PM Chair Cowan
1:52:18 PM Rep. Riley
1:52:25 PM Chair Cowan
1:52:42 PM MOTION: Chair Cowan moves the RULES BE SUSPENDED to re-
open work session on HJM 8 to allow Rep. Esquivel to VOTE: Aye.
1:52:53 PM Rep. Esquivel
1:52:53 PM VOTE: 8-0-0
1:52:53 PM Ayes: Boone, Esquivel, Komp, Riley, Weidner, Freeman, Matthews,
Cowan
1:52:56 PM Chair Cowan
1:53:03 PM SJM 1-Public Hearing
1:53:07 PM Chair Cowan
1:53:16 PM David Molina, Committee Administrator
1:53:40 PM Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
1:53:40 PM {Exhibit} 13: Willis
1:53:41 PM Chair Cowan
1:53:43 PM Willis
1:54:57 PM Chair Cowan
1:55:11 PM Brig. Gen. Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military
Department
1:56:09 PM Chair Cowan
1:56:12 PM Rep. Boone
1:56:30 PM Caldwell
1:56:33 PM Rep. Komp
1:56:35 PM Chair Cowan
1:56:41 PM Rep. Esquivel
1:57:37 PM Willis
2:01:41 PM Chair Cowan
2:01:45 PM Greg Warnock, Executive Director, Oregon War Veterans'
Association
2:02:16 PM Chair Cowan
2:02:17 PM Warnock
2:03:13 PM Chair Cowan
2:03:30 PM SJM 1-Work Session
2:03:48 PM Rep. Boone
2:03:51 PM Chair Cowan
2:03:59 PM Rep. Esquivel

2:04:04 PM MOTION: Rep. Esquivel moves SJM 1 BE ADOPTED
2:04:23 PM Chair Cowan
2:04:35 PM VOTE: 8-0-0
2:04:35 PM Ayes: Boone, Esquivel, Komp, Riley, Weidner, Freeman, Matthews, Cowan
2:04:51 PM Chair Cowan
2:05:05 PM Vice-Chair Matthews
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2:05:59 PM HJR 7-Public Hearing
2:06:13 PM David Molina, Committee Administrator
2:06:13 PM {Exhibit} 14: Molina
2:07:52 PM Chair Cowan
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2:08:10 PM Chair Cowan
2:08:36 PM Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
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2:16:24 PM Greg Warnock, Executive Director, Oregon War Veterans' Association
2:16:48 PM Chair Cowan
2:17:22 PM Marisa James, Deputy, Legislative Counsel
2:18:33 PM Chair Cowan
2:18:40 PM James
2:19:28 PM Chair Cowan

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2:30:56 PM HJR 7-Work Session
2:31:06 PM MOTION: Rep. Weidner moves -4 amendments
2:31:13 PM Chair Cowan
2:31:14 PM VOTE: 8-0-0
2:31:14 PM Ayes: Boone, Esquivel, Komp, Riley, Weidner, Freeman, Matthews, Cowan
2:31:31 PM MOTION: Rep. Weidner moves DO PASS as AMENDED & REFER to REVENUE then RULES by prior reference
2:31:39 PM Chair Cowan
2:31:42 PM Rep. Weidner
2:31:44 PM Chair Cowan
2:32:55 PM Rep. Komp
2:33:10 PM Chair Cowan
2:33:18 PM Rep. Komp
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2:34:21 PM Chair Cowan
2:36:27 PM Chair Cowan
2:36:27 PM SJM 2-Public Hearing
2:36:56 PM David Molina, Committee Administrator

2:37:17 PM Chair Cowan
2:37:19 PM Tom Mann, Public Information Officer, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
2:37:19 PM {Exhibit} 16: Mann
2:40:55 PM Chair Cowan
2:41:03 PM Mann
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2:50:50 PM Rep. Riley
2:50:51 PM Rep. Esquivel
2:50:54 PM Chair Cowan
2:51:23 PM Caldwell
2:51:27 PM Rep. Komp
2:51:28 PM Chair Cowan
2:51:29 PM Meeting Adjourned

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- 1:09:31 PM** {Exhibit} 1: HJM 8, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p
 - 1:09:31 PM** {Exhibit} 2: HJM 8, -2 amendments, staff, 2 pp
 - 1:11:09 PM** {Exhibit} 3: HJM 8, written testimony, Carol Suzuki, 2 pp
 - 1:18:06 PM** {Exhibit} 4: HJM 8, written testimony, Jim Willis, 1 p
 - 1:31:06 PM** {Exhibit} 5: HJM 8, written testimony, Donald Matsuda, 1 p
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 - 1:40:07 PM** {Exhibit} 8: HJM 8, written testimony, Linda Tamura, 2 p
 - 1:46:37 PM** {Exhibit} 9: HJM 8, letter in support, Paul Evans, 2 pp
 - 1:46:37 PM** {Exhibit} 10: HJM 8, letter in support, Christi Iwasaki
 - 1:46:37 PM** {Exhibit} 11: HJM 8, letter in support, Jimmie Kanaya, 1 p 1 p
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 - 2:06:13 PM** {Exhibit} 14: HJR 7, -4 amendments, staff, 3 pp
 - 2:08:36 PM** {Exhibit} 15: HJR 7, written testimony, Jim Willis, 5 pp
 - 2:37:19 PM** {Exhibit} 16: SJM 2, written testimony, Tom Mann, 2 pp
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