

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Joint Memorial 25**

Ordered by the House May 6  
Including House Amendments dated May 6

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Urges Congress to eliminate practice of subtracting disability payments from pension amounts due to disabled veterans regardless of level of disability.

**JOINT MEMORIAL**

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2 To the President of the United States, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Senate and the  
3 House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

4 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legis-  
5 lative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas the continued existence of our nation as well as what has become known as the  
7 "American way of life" depend on this nation's success in defending against its enemies at home and  
8 abroad; and

9 Whereas members of the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Merchant Marine and  
10 Coast Guard, the reserves and each state's National Guard have performed admirably in defense of  
11 this nation; and

12 Whereas a grateful nation cares for and bestows benefits upon veterans to whom this nation  
13 owes its present prosperity and continued existence; and

14 Whereas veterans' benefits include education, health care, pensions and disability payments; and

15 Whereas the provision of disability payments is especially important as this nation's partial  
16 compensation to the veterans whose lives have been impaired by the service they provided to their  
17 country; and

18 Whereas veterans are provided pensions at retirement or other times of need; and

19 Whereas it has been the practice of the federal government to subtract the amount of a disa-  
20 bility payment from the amount of the pension amount owed to a veteran, in effect forcing veterans  
21 to fund their own disability; and

22 Whereas recent federal legislation addressed only part of the disparity created by this practice  
23 and spread the elimination of the disparity over a time span of several years; now, therefore,

24 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

25 (1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to eliminate, as soon as possible, the  
26 practice of subtracting disability payments from pension amounts due to disabled veterans, regard-  
27 less of level of disability.

28 (2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Secretary

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 of Veterans Affairs and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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