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H. R. 7046

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct a new community-based outpatient clinic at Ord Military Community, California.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

Mr. FARR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COM-**
4 **MUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC AT ORD**
5 **MILITARY COMMUNITY, CALIFORNIA.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
7 ings:

8 (1) Veterans in Monterey and Santa Cruz coun-
9 ties, California, must travel in excess of 60 miles to
10 obtain full-service health care from Department of

1 Veterans Affairs medical facilities in Palo Alto, Cali-
2 fornia

3 (2) The Monterey Bay, California, area is medi-
4 cally underserved by family health care providers.

5 (3) The former Fort Ord, in Monterey, Cali-
6 fornia, was the largest military base closed in the
7 Base Realignment and Closure process.

8 (4) A Department of Veterans Affairs clinic
9 was established at the former Fort Ord as a result
10 of the closure of the base.

11 (5) The Department of Veterans Affairs clinic
12 is currently unable to meet the health care needs of
13 the 50,479 veterans who reside on the central coast
14 of California.

15 (6) There are 31,000 members of the Armed
16 Forces serving on active duty and their dependents
17 who are underserved by both the Department of Vet-
18 erans Affairs clinic and the Department of Defense
19 clinic located at the Defense Language Institute
20 Foreign Language Center.

21 (7) A new joint clinic of the Department of Vet-
22 erans Affairs and the Department of Defense is like-
23 ly to be more cost efficient and better serve the med-
24 ical needs of both the veterans population and the

1 population of members of the Armed Forces serving
2 on active duty and their dependents.

3 (8) The Secretary of the Army and the Sec-
4 retary of Veterans Affairs entered into a memo-
5 randum of understanding in support of a joint clinic
6 of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the De-
7 partment of Defense.

8 (9) Veterans returning from service in Oper-
9 ation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Free-
10 dom are likely to strain the capacity of the existing
11 clinic resources of the Department of Veterans Af-
12 fairs and the Department of Defense.

13 (b) AUTHORITY.—Upon the completion of a feasi-
14 bility study funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs
15 on the construction of a new community-based outpatient
16 clinic at the Ord Military Community, California, and sub-
17 ject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose,
18 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall construct a new
19 community-based outpatient clinic at the Ord Military
20 Community, California, in accordance with the findings
21 and recommendations of such study.

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