Washington, DC – Today Congressman Blumenauer issued the following statement in response to reports of poor conditions and treatment at Walter Reed and other Veterans medical facilities:

"I am appalled at the mistreatment of our active duty military and veterans, who have put their lives on the line for our country," said Congressman Blumenauer. "What's happened at Walter Reed is symptomatic of the mismanagement that has plagued the administration's handling of the Iraq war from the start. Their failure to support our troops and deal with the basics - equipment, training, adequate medical facilities, and treatment of the wounded - is yet another example of misplaced priorities and incompetent leadership. It also shows what happens when the Legislative Branch shirks its responsibility of providing necessary oversight. The new Democratic Congress is finally addressing not only the treatment of our military and veterans, but the underlying problem of a mishandled war."