

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Hanna
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 18 – 0 – 3

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields
– Nays:
– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett
– Nays:
– Exc: Carter, Gordly, Winters

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Meeting Date: 6/21/07

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows qualifying veterans pursuing study or training part-time to obtain state financial aid. Provides aid at 100 per month for specified period of time.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Funding for program in Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA)
- Fiscal impact of Senate amendments made to the bill
- Potential impact of language that entitles qualified veterans to benefit

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Reduces fiscal impact to the amount provided already in ODVA budget. Removes entitlement language.

BACKGROUND: Under current statutes, a veteran receives state financial aid of \$150 per month for full time study or training. The total number of payments cannot exceed the total number of months served in the Armed Forces of the United States or 36 months, whichever is less. HB 2208-B would add \$100 per month for veterans who are enrolled in part-time study or training.