

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Cowan, Schaufler, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Boquist, Scott
Prepared By:	Jim Keller, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Military Emergency Financial Assistance Fund for purpose of funding the Oregon Military Financial Assistance program. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon National Guard fund depleted in February 2007
- Assisted with financial planning when needed
- Impact of lost wages when discharged

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: During the 2005 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 1100 created the Oregon Military Financial Assistance Fund for the Oregon Military Department to provide hardship grants and loans to members and immediate family of Oregon National Guard members on active duty. The 2005 measure established a tax refund check-off to provide for contributions to the Fund. There was appropriated to the Fund \$500,000 to the Oregon National Guard and \$500,000 to the Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs to provide special payments to individuals under the program, which was established by section 9 of Senate Bill 1100. The funds were designated as "one-time seed money" to start the program until the check-off revenues are received for the program.

House Bill 3198 would appropriate \$500,000 out of the General Fund to continue the Oregon Military Financial Assistance Program.

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