2007 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2208 **STATUS:** B-Engrossed
SUBJECT: Veterans eligibility for part-time study or training financial aid
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Veterans' Affairs
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DATE: June 20, 2007

	2007-2009	**2009-2011**
EXPENDITURES:		
Special Payments to Individuals – General Fund	$ 54,000	$ 54,000
POSITIONS / FTE:	0/0.00	0/0.00

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: This measure would allow the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to pay state financial aid in the amount of $100 per month for each month of part-time study or training for a qualified veteran beneficiary. The total number of monthly payments may not exceed the total number of months a qualified veteran beneficiary served in the Armed Forces of the United States or 36 months, whichever is less. A qualified veteran beneficiary only becomes eligible for state financial assistance after exhausting his/her federal tuition assistance.

The 2007-09 Governor's recommended budget includes a General Fund policy package for $54,000 related to this measure. It was calculated based on an anticipated 27 part-time students per month for a ten-month school year over the course of a two-year period. The number of students is based on the Department's actual experience from the 2003-05 biennium. These figures historically show reduced enrollment of part-time students during the three summer months. The 2009-11 impact is also estimated at $54,000 General Fund. The Department's policy package does not include any additional administrative costs associated with the administration of this benefit.