

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2178 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Relating to veterans' service officers on community college and Oregon University System campuses
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Veterans' Affairs
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DATE: May 28, 2009 <Revised>

	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Personal Services	\$ 366,157	\$ 538,407
Services and Supplies	\$ 26,325	\$ 41,000
Total Other Funds	\$ 392,482	\$ 579,407

REVENUES:
See comments

POSITIONS / FTE:

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EFFECTIVE DATE: The measure contains an emergency clause and is effective 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.

ANALYSIS: *Revised to reflect budget actions.* HB 2178-A creates the Campus Veterans' Service Officer Program in the Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA), to provide educational outreach to veterans. The bill states that ODVA "shall appoint a sufficient number of campus veterans' service officers to ensure that each Oregon community college and each institution in the Oregon University System...is provided veterans' services."

The purpose of the bill is to assist veterans in accessing federal education and related benefits. HB 5048-A, the ODVA budget bill, establishes five Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) positions who would be assigned to Oregon University System and community college regions, and who would rotate services among the colleges and universities within their assigned areas. There are 17 community college campuses and seven state university campuses. The total costs in 2009-11 of \$392,482 will be paid with Other Funds from the Oregon War Veterans' Fund. The phase-in in the 2009-11 biennium is based on ensuring that VSO's are available at all campuses by the second school year.

There could be some incremental cost for office space at Oregon universities and community colleges for the VSO's. However, depending on the number of veterans who access educational services because of the outreach in this bill, community colleges and the Oregon University System could see an increase in enrollment and federal revenue from this program.