

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel, Witt

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/22, 3/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates money to Campus Veterans' Service Officers Program for biennium. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Success of program
- Campus Veterans' Service Officer program brings GI Bill dollars
- Teaches faculty and administration about military culture

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2009 Legislature enacted House Bill 2178 creating the Campus Veterans' Service Officers Program within the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. It also created a certification program for Veterans' Service Officers. Veterans' Service Officers are advocates trained to ensure veterans receive the maximum amount of benefits earned as a result of their military service. House Bill 2402 funds the Veterans' Service Officers certification program for the 2011-2013 biennium.