

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel

Nays: 0

Exc.: Witt

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Meeting Dates: 3/1, 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires public employer to interview every veteran applicant who meets minimum qualifications for position.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Veteran unemployment is three times current unemployment in Oregon
- Some veterans present themselves better in person
- Implementation impacts on local governments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Limits interview to veterans who have “transferable skill.” Defines “transferable skill” as skill veterans obtain through military education or experience that relates to civil service position for which veteran is applying.

BACKGROUND: Governor Kulongoski established the Task Force on Veterans’ Services (Task Force) through Executive Order 08-08 in March, 2008 to review existing policies and procedures, obtain input regarding veterans’ services in town hall meetings and provide recommendations. The Task Force reported that of the 3,500 Oregon National Guard troops returning home in 2010, it is estimated 43 percent will be unemployed. The Task Force report observes that while an interview is no guarantee a veteran will be hired, it should help them increase their chances at finding employment.