

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

February 15, 2011  
1:00 pm

Hearing Room D

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Sal Esquivel, Co-Chair  
Rep. Brad Witt, Co-Chair  
Rep. Greg Matthews, Co-Vice Chair  
Re. Julie Parrish, Co-Vice Chair  
Rep. Deborah Boone  
Rep. John Huffman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jill Petty, Committee Administrator  
Cynthia Scott, Committee Assistant

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:** HB 2638 – Public Hearing  
HB 2241 – Public Hearing  
HB 2403 – Public Hearing  
HB 2404 – Public Hearing  
HB 2406 – Work Session  
HB 2407 – Work Session  
Introduction of Committee Measures – Work Session

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### Recording Log

**1:04:27 PM** Meeting Called to Order by Co-Chair Rep. Esquivel

**1:04:50 PM** HB 2638 - Public Hearing

**1:05:13 PM** Rep. House Speaker Arnie Roblan, House District 9

**1:08:10 PM** Thomas F. Sam Spayd, President, Oregon Coast Military Heritage  
Museum and veteran

**1:09:06 PM** Co-Chair Esquivel

**1:09:07 PM** Spayd

**1:09:40 PM** Tim Sapp, Viet Nam veteran, Florence

**1:09:48 PM** Paul Gargis, retired army, Viet Nam veteran

**1:09:54 PM** Spayed

**1:12:23 PM** Sapp

**1:15:42 PM** Gargis

**1:16:56 PM** Spayd

**1:17:37 PM** Co-Chair Esquivel

**1:18:00 PM** HB 2241-Public Hearing

**1:18:42 PM** Jill Petty, Committee Administrator

**1:19:03 PM** Co-Chair Esquivel

1:19:06 PM Rep. Greg Matthews, House District 50  
1:20:39 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:20:45 PM Rep. Huffman  
1:20:51 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
1:21:00 PM Rep. Huffman  
1:21:03 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
1:21:14 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:21:46 PM {Exhibit} 1: Kate Newhall, Legislative Director, Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries  
1:24:28 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:24:30 PM Rep. Huffman  
1:24:47 PM Kate Newhall  
1:24:48 PM Rep. Huffman  
1:24:53 PM Kate Newhall  
1:24:59 PM Rep. Huffman  
1:25:08 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:25:13 PM Brigadier General Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military Department  
1:26:17 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:26:21 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
1:26:49 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:26:50 PM Rep. Huffman  
1:26:58 PM Caldwell  
1:27:12 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:27:37 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
  
1:27:47 PM **HB 2403 - Public Hearing**  
1:27:55 PM Jill Petty, Committee Administrator  
1:28:08 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:28:39 PM {Exhibit} 2: Mike Burton, Chair of the Legislative Task Force on Veterans' Reintegration  
1:32:56 PM {Exhibit} 3: Joe Holliday, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Success Initiatives  
1:34:05 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:34:09 PM Brigadier General Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military Department  
1:36:24 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:36:29 PM Co-Vice Chair Parrish  
1:37:33 PM Caldwell  
1:37:56 PM Burton  
1:38:58 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:39:00 PM Rep. Huffman  
1:39:25 PM Caldwell  
1:43:29 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
  
1:43:40 PM **HB 2404-Public Hearing**

1:44:17 PM Jill Petty, Committee Administrator  
1:44:29 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:44:31 PM {Exhibit} 4: Brian DeLashmutt, Oregon Nurse's Association  
1:45:07 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:45:13 PM DeLashmutt  
1:45:14 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:45:17 PM {Exhibit} 5: Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs  
1:48:50 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:48:54 PM Rep. Boone  
1:49:07 PM Willis  
1:49:13 PM Rep. Boone  
1:49:15 PM Willis  
1:49:43 PM Rep. Boone  
1:49:44 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:49:45 PM Rep. Boone  
1:51:11 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:51:13 PM Co-Vice Chair Parrish  
1:52:54 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:53:00 PM Willis  
1:53:01 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:53:43 PM Jesse Barton, Board of Directors, Returning Veterans' Project  
1:55:54 PM {Exhibit} 6: Belle Landau, Executive Director of the Returning Veterans  
Project  
1:58:15 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:58:19 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:58:50 PM Landau  
1:59:24 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:59:30 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
1:59:32 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:59:58 PM Landau  
2:00:25 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
  
2:00:42 PM **HB 2406 - Work Session**  
2:00:58 PM Jill Petty, Committee Administrator  
2:01:13 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:01:20 PM MOTION: Rep. Witt moves HB 2406 Do Pass and Be Referred to Ways &  
Means by prior reference  
2:01:33 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:01:41 PM VOTE: 5-0-1  
2:01:44 PM AYES: Reps. Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Esquivel, EXCUSED: Rep.  
Matthews  
  
2:01:50 PM **HB 2407 – Work Session**  
2:02:00 PM Jill Petty, Committee Administrator  
2:02:19 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:02:22 PM Rep. Huffman

2:02:23 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:02:24 PM Rep. Huffman  
2:02:32 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:02:42 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:02:50 PM Belle Landau, Executive Director of the Returning Veterans Project  
2:03:03 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:03:12 PM MOTION: Rep. Witt Moves HB 2407 Do Pass and be referred to Ways & Means by prior reference  
2:03:23 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:03:31 PM VOTE: 6-0-1  
2:03:32 PM AYES: Reps. Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Esquivel, EXCUSED: Rep. Matthews  
2:04:35 PM Introduction of Committee Measures - LC 3901-Work Session  
2:04:44 PM {Exhibit} 7: Rep. Huffman  
2:04:45 PM MOTION: Rep. Huffman moves LC 3901 be introduced as a Committee Bill  
2:04:53 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:05:05 PM VOTE: 6-0-1  
2:05:06 PM AYES: Reps. Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Esquivel, EXCUSED: Rep. Matthews  
  
2:05:24 PM **HB 2406-Work Session**  
2:05:39 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:05:41 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:05:47 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:06:09 PM Co-Chair Esquivel  
2:06:14 PM Meeting Adjourned by Co-Chair Esquivel

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**Exhibit Summary**

1:21:46 PM {Exhibit} 1: HB 2241, written testimony, Kate Newhall, 1 p  
1:28:39 PM {Exhibit} 2: HB 2403, written testimony, Mike Burton, 2 pp  
1:32:56 PM {Exhibit} 3: HB 2403, informational literature, *Veterans' reintegration in the Oregon University System: Campus Efforts Focused on Faculty and Staff*, Joe Holliday, 6 pp  
1:44:31 PM {Exhibit} 4: HB 2404, -4 amendments, Brian DeLashmutt, 1 p  
1:45:17 PM {Exhibit} 5: HB 2404, written testimony, Jim Willis, 2 pp  
1:55:54 PM {Exhibit} 6: HB 2404, written information, Belle Landau, 4 pp  
2:04:44 PM {Exhibit} 7: Introduction of Committee Measures, LC 3901, staff, 2 pp

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