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To: Members of the Joint Committee on Ways Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development

From: Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office

Re: Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs – Supplemental Information

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) will present its budget – HB 5047 -- on Monday and Tuesday, February 25 -26, 2013. Public testimony on HB 5047 is noticed for February 26.

At its May, 2012 meeting, the Emergency Board approved additional expenditure limitation of \$125,000 Other Funds, and established Capital Construction expenditure limitation in the amount of \$268,780 Other Funds and \$499,163 Federal Funds for the installation of an electronic patient records system and security and safety improvements to the Oregon Veterans Home facility in The Dalles.

Recent financial audits of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs found no instances of deficiency in internal control or material weaknesses. A financial audit of Enterprise Funds for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012 can be found at the following link:

http://www.sos.state.or.us/audits/pages/state audits/full/2012/2012-30.pdf

A link to the 2011 report of the Advisory Committee to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs can be found at the following link:

http://www.oregon.gov/odva/docs/pdfs/2011vaacfinalrpt.pdf

Statistics on veteran populations by conflict, age, county, gender, ethnicity and challenge (e.g. homelessness, or certain traumas) can be found on the Department's website at the following link: http://www.oregon.gov/odva/docs/pdfs/2011vaacfinalrpt.pdf
In addition, links to various publications related to benefits, access to services, and upcoming events, can also be found on the Department's website.

The 2011-13 Legislatively Approved Budget contained no budget notes.