77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2038 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER:

House Committee on Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness

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: 7 - 0 - 0

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

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/12, 3/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Repeals four provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes concerning unused or underfunded accounting structures: ORS 396.350 (Military Department Revolving Fund), ORS 396.366 (payments to members of Oregon National Guard who developed cancer), ORS 396.370 (reimbursement for cost of certain hunting licenses), and ORS 399.095 (militia unit funds).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Military Department (OMD) identified four statutes pertaining to unused and/or underfunded accounting structures. ORS 396.350 establishes a revolving fund to cover some of OMD's expenses. OMD no longer utilizes this revolving fund. ORS 396.366 authorizes OMD to make payments to members of the Oregon National Guard who developed cancer due to hexavalent chromium exposure in Iraq in 2003. No member of the Oregon National Guard has sought funds under this provision. ORS 396.370 authorizes OMD to reimburse active members of the Armed Forces or recent retirees—one year or less—the cost of annual hunting and angling licenses, but OMD has insufficient operating funds to continue to cover costs associated with this program. Finally, ORS 399.095 established militia unit funds of \$2,000 or less per year for the care of state and federal property or other necessary military expenses. No Oregon National Guard unit has received financing from this fund for over a decade. House Bill 2038 repeals ORS 396.350, ORS 396.366, ORS 396.370, and ORS 399.095.