

HB 4023

Relating to veterans

House Bill 4023 authorizes the dedication of the “Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway” on a portion of U.S. Highway 26 within Warm Springs Reservation. The bill also permits private employers to prefer to hire and promote service members; veterans; surviving spouses of deceased veterans; and spouses of veterans totally disabled from enemy action or service-related accident.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends adoption of the –B8 amendments which remove provisions that established a veterans-themed lottery raffle game with revenues dedicated to support veterans’ services. A budget note was approved, however, directing the State Lottery to submit a report to the Emergency Board in September 2014 on the feasibility of establishing a veterans’ raffle game, and on the impact of such a game on revenue for veterans programs and revenue for other programs.

The bill, as amended, has a minimal fiscal impact.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends House Bill 4023 be amended and reported out do pass, as amended.