

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued  
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed) and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/19, 2/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Permits dedication of “Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway” on portion of U.S. Highway 26 within Warm Springs Reservation. Establishes lottery raffle game to benefit education and economic development for veterans. Requires Oregon State Lottery Commission (the Commission) to create game and Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (DCCWD) to create corresponding program. Provides dedicated accounting structure. States that private employers may 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. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Strong support of community colleges and universities for Campus Veteran Service Officers (VSOs)
- Value of on-campus resource centers for veterans
- Campus VOSs as advocates, but also peers of student veterans
- Possibility of creating a pilot or trial raffle, within the Commission’s discretion

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Establishes lottery raffle game to benefit education and economic development for veterans. Requires the Commission to create game and DCCWD to create corresponding program. Provides dedicated accounting structure. States that private employers may prefer to hire and promote servicemembers; veterans; surviving spouses of deceased veterans; and spouses of veterans totally disabled from enemy action or service-related accident.

**BACKGROUND:** There are 499 veterans who are members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. In addition to sharing experiences with all veterans, they have a unique history and heritage, being members of a sovereign nation located within Oregon’s borders, who have served the United States through conflicts going back to the founding of the Warm Springs Reservation and the Early Indian Wars, to present day, with courage and distinction. House Bill 4023B names a portion of U.S. Highway 26 within the boundaries of the Warm Springs Reservation in their honor, the “Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway.”

The Oregon Lottery has created about nine different raffles over the past five or six years, and all have sold out. The scope of programs and services needed to support Oregon veterans continues to increase over time, while funding decreases. House Bill 4023B creates a raffle game exclusively to benefit veterans' education, training, and job creation.

Reintegration to civilian life is a challenging transition for many veterans. Employment provides stability that improves outcomes for veterans and their families. In support of veterans, many private employers prefer to hire and promote veterans and their spouses. House Bill 4023B describes this practice.

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