

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Government Efficiency

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes permissive the provision of educational financial aid to beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Amends outdated language related to the World War II Memorial in Salem. Repeals outdated statutes. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 250 repeals several outdated statutes, and updates others, related to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. The measure makes permissive the provision of financial aid to beneficiaries of the Department, a program that has not been funded in more than five years. Other changes include repeal of ORS 406.500 (which established the World War II Memorial Task Force in 2011); ORS 407.582 and 407.585 (which established the Veterans' Small Business Repair Loan Fund in 2008); ORS 408.095 (which established the Campus Veterans' Service Officers Program in 2009); ORS 408.480 (which provided for contracting with the federal government in the event of establishment of a national soldiers' home at or near Roseburg); and ORS 408.750 (prohibiting counties from sending war veterans to poor houses in counties with a war veterans association without first obtaining consent of the organization's commander).

Senate floor vote: 30-0