

House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Our size: Smallest Branch of government; approximately 350 continuing employees (out of Legislative Session); up to 650 employees during session (including 90 elected officials and 180 personal staff employees).

Executive Branch has approximately 35,000 employees;

Judicial Branch has approximately 1,500 employees;

Legislative Branch has 350 employees - equal to 1% of state government.



We hire less than 70 employees during the 18 month interim in the Legislative Branch;
We hire 250-300 employees during each session season (October – December of even years).

Current Veteran Employee Status:

(Does NOT include elected officials or their personal staffs - approx. 270 ees.)

Current Employees Veterans			
NON SESSION Continuing Staff (12/14)			
AGENCY	VET Employees	Total Employees	Vet Percentage
14200	0	55	0%
14400	1	8	1%
14500	1	19	0.50%
15500	3	107*	3%
15600	10	90	11%
42500	0	2	0%
REPORT TOTAL	15	174	9%**
* Does not include elected officials or personal staff			
** Veterans make up approximately 4% of the Oregon workforce (U.S. Census Bureau)			

How we apply ORS:

a. Every self-identifying veteran applicant who meets the minimum qualifications of the recruitment receives an interview (408.230 (1) (c) and 408.237 (2) (a-b).

b. Every veteran who applied for a position, but did not get the job receives an explanation for the decision. (408.230 (4)).