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## **Measure Description:**

Permits Oregon Business Development Department to certify business that service-disabled veteran owns as disadvantaged business enterprise that is eligible for certain preferences in public contracting.

## Government Unit(s) Affected:

District Attorneys and their Deputies, Office of the Governor, Business Development Department (Business Oregon), Department of Education, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Statewide

## Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
Other Funds	70,000	
Total Funds	\$70,000	\$0

# Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

#### Analysis:

The bill allows businesses owned by service-disabled veterans to be certified as disadvantaged business enterprises by the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) through the Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business (OMWESB) program. The bill also changes the name from the OMWESB to the Certification Office for Business Inclusion & Diversity (COBID). The title of the "Advocate for Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business" position is also changed to be the "Governor's Policy Advisor for Economic and Business Equity".

OBDD estimates that the new certification would add approximately 100-150 service-disabled veteranowned businesses to the OMWESB program. One-time costs associated with implementing the bill include software modifications for the Business to Government Now (B2G Now) Application, Professional Services, Attorney General services, additional office supplies, and publicity & publications costs for rebranding the name. OBDD estimates one-time costs of approximately \$70,000 to establish the new certification program and to change the office name. OMWESB has sufficient revenues to cover these costs. If the bill is enacted, therefore, the Legislative Fiscal Office would recommend that OBDD request additional Other Funds expenditure limitation in the 2016 Session, if needed, after implementation costs are known.

The fiscal impacts to the Office of the Governor, Department of Education, Department of Transportation, Attorney General, Department of Administrative Services, and statewide public contracting agencies are determined to be minimal.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the State Board of Higher Education, which is directed to consult with COBID, will be dissolved at the end of the 2015-17 biennium; therefore it is highly unlikely that this networking will actually take place, even given the bill's emergency clause.