

HB 3479

Relating to assistance for women veterans

HB 3479 comes to you from the Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development, where it was subsequently referred from the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness. The bill establishes the position of Women Veterans Coordinator within the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. The position will be responsible for conducting outreach to women veterans and their families; developing and distributing informational materials regarding available benefits and resources; and sharing best practices with County Veteran Service Officers to help better meet the unique needs of the fastest growing population of veterans in Oregon.

The measure includes funding for the position at 0.88 FTE for the 2015-17 biennium to account for delays in recruitment and hiring, but is intended to be permanent, full-time in subsequent biennia.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 3479 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.