Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session

## **BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY**

## **Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

**Action:** 

**Action Date:** 

Vote:

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Agency: Department of Veterans' Affairs

Biennium: 2015-17

MEASURE: HB 2838 A

| Budget Summary                       | 2013-15 Legislatively<br>Approved Budget |      | <br>urrent Service<br>Level | Committee<br>mendation | Committee Change from 2013-15<br>Leg. Approved |        |          |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|--------|----------|--|
|                                      |  |      |                             |                        | \$ Change                                      |        | % Change |  |
| General Fund                         | \$                                       | -    | \$<br>_                     | \$<br>21,068           | \$   | 21,068 | 100.0%   |  |
| Total                                | \$                                       | -    | \$<br>-                     | \$<br>21,068           | \$   | 21,068 | 100.0%   |  |
| Position Summary                     |  |      |                             |                        |  |        |          |  |
| Authorized Positions                 |  | 0    | 0                           | 0                      |  | 0      |          |  |
| Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions |  | 0.00 | 0.00                        | 0.00                   |  | 0.00   |          |  |

# **Revenue Summary**

House Bill 2838 appropriates \$21,068 General Fund to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to support the work of the Task Force on Incarcerated Veterans.

# **Summary of Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee Action**

#### Veterans Services Programs

House Bill 2838 creates a Task Force on incarcerated veterans to be staffed by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA). The task force will consist of eight members: two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate; two Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; a representative from the ODVA who has expertise in services and benefits for incarcerated veterans (appointed by the Director of ODVA); a representative from the Oregon Department of Corrections, experienced working with incarcerated veterans (appointed by the Director of the Department of Corrections); and two individuals who have been incarcerated veterans or have experience with incarcerated veterans (appointed by the Governor). The Task Force is directed to study and make recommendations on: outreach to veterans about benefits and other programs that provide resources to incarcerated veterans; assistance for incarcerated veterans to apply for and appeal the denial of federal and state benefits to which they may be entitled due to military service; informational materials that may be created for incarcerated veterans; the process for developing a comprehensive and coordinated statewide network of information and referral sources for incarcerated veterans; and how the ODVA may serve as a liaison for incarcerated veterans and incarcerated veterans issues with the DOC, reentry councils, the United Stated Department of Veterans Affairs and others. The task force is required to report to an appropriate interim legislative committee by September 15, 2016.

The Subcommittee approved \$21,068 General Fund for Services and Supplies related to the work of the task force and reimbursement for mileage and/or travel for task force members.

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| DESCRIPTION   | GENERAL<br>FUND | LOTTERY<br>FUNDS | OTHER FUNDS |         |  |            | FEDERAL FUNDS |         |  |            | TOTAL    |              |           |     |  |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-------------|---------|--|------------|---------------|---------|--|------------|----------|--------------|-----------|-----|--|
|   |                 |                  |             | LIMITED |  | NONLIMITED | ١             | LIMITED |  | NONLIMITED |          | ALL<br>FUNDS | POS       | FTE |  |
| SUBCOMMITTEE RECCOMENDATION SCR 002 - Veterans Services Program Services and Supplies | \$              | 21,068           | \$          | - \$    |  | -          | \$            | - \$    |  | - ;        | \$ -     |              | \$ 21,068 |     |  |
| TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION   | \$              | 21 068           | \$          | - \$    |  | _          | \$            | - \$    |  | - :        | <b>.</b> | _            | \$ 21,068 |     |  |