

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/02/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/05, 06/02

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Buehler, Holvey, McLain, Nearman, Rayfield, Stark

Exc: 1 - Fagan

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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 Amends outdated language relating to the World War II Memorial in Salem. Repeals outdated statutes.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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background information on outdated statutes being repealed
- Purpose for removing requirement to provide financial aid for education
- Agency also reviewing administrative rules

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 250 repeals several outdated statutes, and updates others, relating to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.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 approximately five years. Other changes include repeal of ORS 406.500 (the 2011 World War II Memorial Task Force); ORS 407.582 and 407.585 (the 2008 Veterans' Small Business Repair Loan Fund); ORS 408.095 (the 2009 Campus Veterans' Service Officers Program); ORS 408.480 (which provides for contracting with the federal government in the event of the 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).