

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action: Do Pass.

Action Date: 06/30/15

Vote:

House

Yeas: 7 - Buckley, Gomberg, Komp, Nathanson, Rayfield, Read, Williamson

Nays: 5 - Huffman, McLane, Smith, Whisnant, Whitsett

Senate

Yeas: 8 - Burdick, Devlin, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Winters

Nays: 4 - Girod, Hansell, Thomsen, Whitsett

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Agency: Department of Veterans' Affairs

Biennium: 2015-17

Budget Summary

	2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget	2015-17 Current Service Level	2015-17 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2013-15 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 182,787	\$ 182,787	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 182,787	\$ 182,787	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	1	1
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.88	0.88

Revenue Summary

Senate Bill 946 appropriates \$182,787 General Fund to the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) for a new position to carry out the provisions of the bill.

Summary of Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee Action

Senate Bill 946 creates the permanent position of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Coordinator in the ODVA. The responsibilities of the LGBT Coordinator are to conduct outreach and provide assistance designed for the unique needs of LGBT veterans, provide assistance to LGBT veterans in applying for an upgrade to the character of discharge or a change in the narrative reason for discharge, and develop and distribute informational materials for LGBT veterans. The measure requires ODVA to report to the Legislative Assembly on the number of veterans served, the type of assistance provided, recommendations for expansion and improvement of services provided the coordinator, and recommendations for legislative changes.

Veterans’ Services Program

The Subcommittee approved \$182,787 General Fund for one permanent position. The position is funded at 0.88 FTE for the 2015-17 biennium to account for assumed delays in position recruitment and hiring.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

SB 946-A

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE RECCOMENDATION</u>									
SCR 002 - Veterans Services Program									
Personal Services	\$ 145,826	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	145,826	1	0.88
Services and Supplies	\$ 36,961	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	36,961		
TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 182,787	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	182,787	1	0.88