

HB 3132 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Veterans' Services Fund in the Oregon State Treasury pursuant to an amendment to the Oregon Constitution approved in Ballot Measure 96 (2016). Directs that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) and may be used only to provide services for the benefit of veterans. Amends current law by adding "The Veterans' Services Fund" to the list of identified Investment Funds. Declares an emergency, takes effect upon passage.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact

REVENUE: May have revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

After 100 percent of Oregon's voting legislatures approved House Joint Resolution 202 in 2016, Ballot Measure 96 was placed on the Oregon voting ballot and approved by voters. The ballot measure amended the Oregon Constitution by creating a new section 4f to be added to and made part of Article XV. The amendment allocated 1.5 percent of the State Lottery proceeds to veteran services, which may include: (1) reintegration, employment, education benefits and tuition, housing, physical, physical and mental health care and addiction treatment programs; (2) assistance for veterans or their dependents to access state and federal benefits; (3) funding for services provided by county veterans' service officers, campus veterans service officer or nonprofit or tribal veterans' services officers. Based on the June 2016 forecast from the Office of Economic Analysis 1.5% of net lottery proceeds for veterans' services would be approximately \$9.3 million annually for the 2017-2019 biennium.

House Bill 3132 establishes the Veterans' Services Fund and directs that the moneys appropriated to ODVA from the fund be used to provide services only for veterans.