

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 3174

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement one or more pilot programs statewide to provide training, job placement services, financial assistance, technical support and business creation assistance to veterans in construction and construction materials industries.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The bill directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to develop and implement a pilot program to issue grants to entities involved in the construction and construction materials industries that either (1) provide training to veterans who wish to enter the construction and construction materials workforce; (2) provide employment placement services for the purpose of placing veterans as apprentices or permanent employees within the construction and construction materials industries; (3) entities that can provide technical support and financial assistance to veterans to establish veteran-owned construction and construction materials businesses. ODVA is directed to establish rules regarding the manner in which veterans may apply for assistance from entities which receive these grants. Grant funds may be sourced from gifts, grants, donations and the Veterans' Services Fund, established pursuant to Article XV, section 4f, of the Oregon Constitution. ODVA must submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly, before September 15, 2018 regarding the status of the pilot program.

ODVA administration costs for this program will vary based on the number of applicants and award amounts issued from this grant program; and these factors will ultimately be driven by the amount of available funding which is currently not determined. Costs associated with ODVA rulemaking are considered to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required