

Legislative Fiscal Office

Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, H-178
Salem, OR 97301
503-986-1828

Ken Rocco, Legislative Fiscal Officer
Paul Siebert, Deputy Fiscal Officer



Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Sen. Richard Devlin, Senate Co-Chair
Rep. Nancy Nathanson, House Co-Chair

Sen. Betsy Johnson, Senate Co-Vice Chair
Sen. Jackie Winters, Senate Co-Vice Chair
Rep. Dan Rayfield, House Co-Vice Chair
Rep. Greg Smith, House Co-Vice Chair

To: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

From: Amanda Beitel, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 15, 2017

Subject: SB 143-B – Relating to Provision of Campus Veteran Resources
Work Session Recommendations

Senate Bill 143-B requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to develop and implement one or more competitive grant programs to expand and enhance existing veteran programs on college campuses that help veterans successfully transition from military service to college life. Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded to community colleges and public universities based on criteria specified in the bill. Both ODVA and the Advisory Committee are directed to report to an interim committee of the Legislature on the implementation and merits of the grant program, no later than August 31, 2018 and September 15, 2018, respectively.

The original staff measure summary and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness on 2/7/2017, 2/21/2017, and 4/4/2017 and in the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness on 4/27/2017, 5/18/2017, and 6/1/2017.

ODVA has determined that a Program Analyst 2 position (0.92 FTE) will be required to serve as the Student Veterans' Coordinator and administer the \$1 million grant program.

The -B5 amendment to the bill removes the provision that allows the Department to allocate up to 10% of total funds appropriated for the grant program for administering the program and the language appropriating \$1,100,000 from the Veterans' Services Fund. Language establishing Lottery Funds expenditure limitation of \$1,187,194 is added for grants to campuses and costs to administer the program. The amendment also adds an emergency clause.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -B5 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -B5 amendment to SB 143-B. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 143-B, as amended by the -B5 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 143-B, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____