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То:	Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
From:	Amanda Beitel, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date:	June 15, 2017
Subject:	HB 2891-A – Relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2891-A relates to the Department of Veterans' Affairs and establishes a grant fund for purposes that benefit veterans. The Legislative Fiscal Office is recommending the -A3 amendment, which changes the name of the fund established, clarifies the role of the Veterans' Advisory Committee, and provides Lottery Funds expenditure limitation for the program.

The bill, as amended, creates the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Veteran Services Grant Fund. The Department may make grants from the fund for the benefit of veterans, including expanding outreach and services, and promoting mental and physical health care, housing security, employment opportunities, education, and transportation accessibility.

The original staff measure summary and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). The measure previously had a hearing in the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness on 4/6/2017.

The -A3 amendment establishes \$555,000 Lottery Funds expenditure limitation for grants and costs to administer the program. The amendment also adds an emergency clause.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A3 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A3 amendment to HB 2891-A. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2891-A, as amended by the -A3 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2891-A, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor:

Senate Floor: _____