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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

Re: SB 143 Relating to provision of campus veteran resources

Senator Monroe: "SB 143 requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement one or more conditional 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 Oregon community colleges and public universities based on specified criteria, including that veteran resource centers refer veterans to local county veteran service officers and that recipients provide resources and matching funds. Both the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Veterans' Advisory Committee are directed to report to the Legislature on the implementation and merits of the grant program. Lottery Funds expenditure limitation is provided to the Department for the establishment of a Program Analyst 2 position to serve as the Student Veterans' Coordinator and administer the \$1 million grant program.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 143 be amended by the –B5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended."