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**Joint Committee on  
Ways and Means**

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**To:** Ways and Means Full Committee  
**From:** Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
**Re:** HB 2891 Relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs

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**Senator Johnson:** "HB 2891 establishes the Department of Veterans' Affairs Veteran Services Grant Fund.

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to make grants in the amount of \$25,000 to \$250,000 per recipient from the fund. Grants may be awarded for purposes that benefit veterans, including expanding outreach and services, and promoting mental and physical health care, housing security, employment opportunities, education, and transportation accessibility. The Department is required to adopt rules for the Veteran Services Grant Fund with the advice of the Veterans' Advisory Committee. The Subcommittee addressed the need for protocols that address outcomes, return on investment, grant tracking, program accounting, matching funds, and evaluation of grant recipients.

Lottery Funds expenditure limitation of \$555,000 is provided to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for grants and costs to administer the fund.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 2891 be amended by the –A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended."