

HB 3174 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 03/30/17

Action: Do pass. Refer to Ways and Means.

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Parrish, Post

Exc: 1 - Boone

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to develop a grant program to fund pilot projects that assist veterans with employment in construction and construction materials industries. Authorizes use of moneys in Veterans' Services Fund, created pursuant to Article XV, section 4f, of the Oregon Constitution (2016 voter authorized lottery funds). Requires ODVA to submit a report to Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2018. Sunsets December 31, 2019. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Opportunities for veterans to work in construction industries with good salaries

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A variety of employment-related assistance is available to veterans. State and federal law provide preference points to veterans and disabled veterans seeking employment in the public sector. The Oregon Employment Department operates employment centers and provides Local Veteran Employment Representatives (LVERs) and Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialists (DVOPs) to assist veterans with education and training opportunities, searching for employment, job counseling, job development and resume assistance.

House Bill 3174 provides additional employment assistance to veterans by creating a grant program administered by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs that funds pilot projects targeting employment in construction and construction materials industries.