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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to submit report to interim legislative committees, no later than July 1, 2018, regarding delivery of veterans' services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Analysis:

The bill establishes the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee Grant Fund (Fund) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) may, with the approval of an advisory committee established in ORS 406.210, make grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000 per recipient for purposes related to veterans, which are specified by the bill. ODVA must adopt rules related to eligibility requirements for the grants and other rules necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill. Moneys in the Fund may be sourced from the Oregon State Lottery Fund (Lottery Funds), appropriations by the Legislative Assembly, earnings from the Fund, or donations.

At this time, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) believes that the ramifications of this measure are not fully understood because the amount of revenues and exact revenue sources have yet to be identified; therefore, the fiscal impact cannot be fully determined. LFO notes that grants from the fund may be made for purposes that are only allowable uses for the 1.5% of Lottery net proceeds designated to veterans' services by Measure 96 and not all Lottery Funds proceeds. Further fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.