

HB 2891 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 04/06/17
Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 6-0-2-0
Yeas: 6 - Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Parrish, Post
Exc: 2 - Boone, Meek
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) Advisory Committee Grant Fund separate from the General Fund. Permits ODVA to award grants of between \$25,000 to \$250,000 with Advisory Committee approval, for specified purposes. Provides for receipt of moneys from the Oregon State Lottery Fund established under Article XV, section 4(d) of the Oregon Constitution; moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly; interest earnings; donations; and other deposits from any source.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Comparison to existing grant process
- Breadth of experience of Advisory Committee

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) administers a wide variety of programs and services for the more than 326,000 veterans in Oregon. House Bill 2891 A establishes the ODVA Advisory Committee Grant Fund and permits ODVA to award grants of between \$25,000 to \$250,000 with Advisory Committee approval.