SB 143 C BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/21/17

Action: Do pass with amendments to the B-Eng bill. (Printed C-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 11 - Gomberg, Holvey, Huffman, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Smith G, Smith Warner, Stark, Whisnant, Williamson

Senate Vote

Yeas: 12 - DeBoer, Devlin, Frederick, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Manning Jr, Monroe, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

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Department of Veterans' Affairs 2017-19

Carrier: Rep. Reardon

Budget Summary	egislatively d Budget	urrent Service evel	_	.9 Committee mmendation	Committee Change from 2015-17 Leg. Approved				
					\$	S Change	% Change		
Lottery Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$	1,187,194	\$	1,187,194	100.0%		
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$	1,187,194	\$	1,187,194	100.0%		
Position Summary									
Authorized Positions	0	0		1		1			
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00		0.92		0.92			

Summary of Revenue Changes

Senate Bill 143 provides \$1,187,194 Lottery Funds expenditure limitation to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) from the lottery moneys allocated from the Veterans' Services Fund established under Article XV, section 4f of the Oregon Constitution, to develop and implement one or more competitive grant programs to expand and enhance existing veteran programs on college campuses that help veterans successfully transition from military service to college life.

Summary of Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee Action

This bill requires ODVA to develop and implement one or more conditional grant programs statewide to expand campus veteran resource centers on the campuses of Oregon community colleges and public universities. The purpose of the grant program is to augment existing campus programs that help veterans successfully transition from military service to college life, succeed in college, complete educational goals and transition from college to the workforce and the community. Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded based on specified criteria, including veteran resource centers referring veterans to local county veterans' service officers and recipients providing resources and matching funds in an amount to be determined by ODVA. Grant recipients may use up to \$25,000 of grant funds awarded to pay a campus veteran resource coordinator's salary if the institution agrees to match at least 50 percent of the grant funds used for that purpose. A grant recipient is required to provide a program report to ODVA within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. No later than August 31, 2018, ODVA is directed to report to the interim legislative committees relating to veterans about the implementation of the grant program and further steps required to expand the programs during the 2019-21 biennium. The bill also requires the ODVA Advisory Committee to review and consider, by September 15, 2018, the grant programs established by the department and develop a report to be given to the interim legislative committees related to veterans. The bill specifies what must be contained in the report.

Veterans' Services Programs

The Subcommittee approved \$1,187,194 Lottery Funds limitation to ODVA for disbursements of grants and to establish a Program Analyst 2 position (0.92 FTE) to serve as the Student Veterans' Coordinator and administer the grant program. The Lottery Funds limitation of \$1,000,000, for grants to public universities and community colleges, is approved on a one-biennium basis and will be phased out in the development of the 2019-21 budget. Any request to fund the grant program, as part of the 2019-21 budget, must be included in a policy package.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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DESCRIPTION			_		OTHER FUNDS				FEDERAL FUNDS			TOTAL			FTE
	GENERAL FUND		LOTTERY FUNDS		LIMITED	TED NONLIMITED)	LIMITED		NONLIMITED		ALL FUNDS		
SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS SCR 002 - Veterans' Services Program															
Personal Services Services and Supplies	\$ ¢	- \$ - \$	146,494 40,700			-	\$	- \$ - \$		- \$ - \$		- \$ - \$	146,494 40,700	1	0.92
Special Payments (Dist. to Public Universities and Community College Districts)	\$	- \$	1,000,000			-	\$	- \$		- \$		- \$	1,000,000		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$	- \$	1,187,194	\$		-	\$	- \$		- \$		- \$	1,187,194	1	0.92
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$	- \$	1,187,194	\$		-	\$	- \$		- \$		- \$	1,187,194	1	0.92

^{*}Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures