

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 476

Ordered by the Senate April 11
Including Senate Amendments dated April 11

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST; Senator OLSEN (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Adds disabled veteran to definition of preferred worker who is eligible for reemployment assistance.]

Requires Advisory Committee to Director of Veterans' Affairs to review, consider and report to interim legislative committees relating to veterans whether and to what extent disabled veteran should qualify as preferred worker.

Sunset December 31, 2018.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to disabled veterans as preferred workers eligible for reemployment assistance; and pre-
3 scribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Not later than February 1, 2018, the Advisory Committee appointed under**
6 **ORS 406.210 shall review, consider and report to the interim legislative committees relating**
7 **to veterans whether and to what extent a disabled veteran, as defined in ORS 408.225, should**
8 **qualify as a preferred worker, as defined in ORS 656.622, taking into account:**

9 (1) **The purposes of the Reemployment Assistance Program, as set forth in ORS 656.622**
10 **(1);**

11 (2) **Whether and to what extent including disabled veterans in the program would pre-**
12 **clude nondisabling workers' compensation claims from becoming disabling claims, or reduce**
13 **the possibility that nondisabling workers' compensation claims will become disabling claims,**
14 **by returning injured workers who are disabled veterans to work sooner and helping workers**
15 **who are disabled veterans remain employed; and**

16 (3) **Whether and to what extent assistance from the program will encourage employers**
17 **to employ disabled veterans.**

18 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31, 2018.**

19 **SECTION 3. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017**
20 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.