

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4038 - A7

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Measure Description:

Directs Director of Veterans' Affairs to study progress of establishment of Roseburg Oregon Veterans' Home.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of State Lands, Military Department, Department of Corrections, Department of Veterans' Affairs

Summary of Expenditure Impact: Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs

Fund Type	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Lottery Funds - Dedicated Measure 96	136,531	252,058
Total Funds	\$136,531	\$252,058
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.54	1.00

Analysis:

The bill allows the Department of State Lands to deliver military medals to the Oregon Military Museum to serve as custodians of the medal until it is claimed by a service member or a descendant of the deceased service member. The bill also requires the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) to study and report to the Legislature, no later than September 1, 2018, on the progress of the Roseburg Veterans' Home; and to establish a program to provide veterans services to incarcerated veterans.

Assuming that the incarcerated veterans program is only targeted at state managed institutions, run by the Department of Corrections (DOC), then the associated workload is anticipated to require two full-time positions within the ODVA. One position dedicated to inmate intake including proper veteran status verification; certifying adjustments to federal benefits while veterans are incarcerated; filing appeals for adjustments to veterans' discharge status; and in some cases, coordinating placement for qualified veterans to mental health facilities. The second position would focus on inmate release services by coordinating with DOC staff, as well as parole and probation officers, to develop a release plan designed to help the individual reintegrate into the community; educate and assist veterans in claims management and filing/reinstating Federal benefits; and liaise with veteran community service providers and county veteran service officers.

ODVA currently has a permanent position which has been working part-time to provide veterans services to incarcerated veterans. The existing position also performs ODVA claims work for Marion County; however, Marion County is expected to open a Veteran Service Office in summer 2018, and the position will transition to being fully dedicated to the incarcerated veterans program. No additional budgetary action is necessary for the transition of this workload to take place. The remainder of the workload is anticipated to require one full-time Program Analyst 2 at an estimated cost of \$94,953 personal services and \$41,578 for services and supplies in the 2017-19 biennium; and \$175,298 personal service and \$76,760 for services and supplies in the 2019-21 biennium.

The fiscal impacts to the Department of State Lands (DSL), Oregon Military Department (OMD), and the Department of Corrections (DOC) are anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters. There is no fiscal impact on state government related to the -A7 amendment, which clarifies that veterans, who receive service-related compensation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, are eligible for preference points when applying for civil service positions.