

HB 4098 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 02/26/18

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-0-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Manning Jr, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

Prepared By: C. Ross, LPRO Analyst

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to prepare and distribute written materials regarding apprenticeship opportunities for veterans, to county Veterans Service Officers (VSOs), the Bureau of Labor and Industries, the Employment Department, the Oregon Military Department, the Oregon National Guard, and any other organizations it identifies. Requires ODVA to train VSOs and veterans organizations about apprenticeship programs and education benefits for veterans. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Dependability and work ethic of veterans as employees
- Existing reintegration services offered by branches of the military
- Existing materials and training provided by Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
- Potential information sharing gap with reintegrating service members

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Bureau of Labor and Industries currently administers apprenticeship programs in at least 23 subject areas through its Apprenticeship and Training Division, in partnership with private businesses and local committees. Apprenticeship programs offer career paths through on-the-job training, usually in industrial, manufacturing, and construction trades.

House Bill 4098 requires the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide veterans' organizations and county Veterans Service Officers with information and training on apprenticeship opportunities for veterans.