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## Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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**To:** Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

**From:** Amanda Beitel, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** May 28, 2019

**Subject:** SB 35-A – Relating to veterans

Senate Bill 35-A exempts the Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) from the requirement to provide disbursement vouchers in its annual accounting to the court when serving as a conservator. ODVA may serve as a conservator for veterans that are determined to be unable to manage their own financial resources and the modification will align their annual accounting requirements with that of trust companies. SB 35-A also removes the January 2, 2020 sunset on the campus veteran resource center grant program and increases the amount of grant funds that may be used to pay a campus veteran resource coordinator's salary from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The -A2 amendment removes the Lottery Funds expenditure limitation for campus veteran resource center program grants. The Department of Veterans' Affairs budget bill (SB 5538) includes \$1 million Lottery Funds support for the grant program.

### **Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -A2 amendment.

**MOTION:** I move adoption of the -A2 amendment to SB 35-A. (VOTE)

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that SB 35-A, as amended by the -A2 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 35-A, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_