

## SB 243 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Workforce

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**Action Date:** 03/07/19

**Action:** Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Golden, Hansell, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Taylor

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/29, 3/7

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to produce written findings and recommendations regarding training for public bodies to reduce stigma toward veterans and increase understanding of veterans' employment protections and submit report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.

Requires ODVA to survey state agencies, other public bodies, and veterans to inform the findings. Sunsets on December 31, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

The mission of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) is to "serve and honor veterans through our leadership, advocacy and strong partnerships." In 2015, ODVA embarked on a comprehensive review of the agency resulting in prioritization of agency resources towards direct service, partnership, and outreach for existing programs. Currently, ODVA is not required to study the effects of employment discrimination against veterans on the overall veteran unemployment rate in this state. Senate Bill 243 requires ODVA to determine the effects and produce written findings and recommendations regarding training for public bodies to reduce stigma toward veterans and increase understanding of veterans' employment protections and report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.