

HB 2201 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Evans

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/07/19

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 9 - Gomberg, Holvey, McLain, McLane, Nosse, Piluso, Rayfield, Smith G, Stark

Senate Vote

Yeas: 10 - Beyer, Frederick, Girod, Heard, Johnson, Manning Jr, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Wagner

Exc: 1 - Hansell

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Department of Veterans' Affairs

2019-21

Budget Summary*

	2017-19 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2019-21 Current Service Level	2019-21 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2017-19 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
Lottery Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 447,719	\$ 447,719	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 447,719	\$ 447,719	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	1	1
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.88	0.88

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through December 2018

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 2201 allocates \$447,719 Lottery Funds from the Veterans' Services Fund (Measure 96) to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) for the purpose of establishing and administering the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program.

Summary of Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee Action

House Bill 2201 establishes the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program within ODVA for the purpose of providing financial assistance to veterans who are unable to complete a degree program within the expected completion period due to the timing of course offerings. ODVA may award grants of up to \$5,000 to veterans who are eligible to receive federal financial assistance based on prior service in the U.S. Armed Forces. Recipients must be pursuing and enrolled in an approved course of study qualifying for U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs educational benefits.

ODVA will develop rules, implement, and evaluate the efficacy of the program and report to the interim committees of the Legislature related to veterans on the status of the program no later than September 15, 2020.

The Subcommittee approved \$447,719 Lottery Funds expenditure limitation and establishment of one limited duration Program Analyst 1 position (0.88 FTE) to perform outreach and administer program grants. Lottery Funds limitation includes \$300,000 for grants and \$147,719 for costs to operate the program. Funding is approved on a one-time basis, as the program is scheduled to sunset on January 2, 2022.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS (from CSL)</u>									
SCR 002 - Veterans' Services Program									
Personal Services	\$ -	\$ 133,919	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	133,919	1	0.88
Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ 13,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	13,800		
Special Payments (Dist. To Individuals)	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	300,000		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ 447,719	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	447,719	1	0.88
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ -	\$ 447,719	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	447,719	1	0.88