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To: Senate Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee

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Subject: 2023 Committee LCs

LC 908 would direct Department of Veterans' Affairs to study and make recommendations for policy proposals for tax treatment of military pensions

LC 1680 would direct Department of Veterans' affairs to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to operations of department

LC 1749 would direct Oregon Department of Emergency Management to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to operations of department

LC 1764 would exempt from state income tax military pay received by Oregon National Guard member while in active service of state or on state active duty for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020

LC 1953 would direct Oregon Military Department to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to operations of department

LC 2091 would establish the Purple Star Schools Program within the Department of Education. Would require the department to designate a school as a Purple Star School if the school applies and meets certain qualifications. To qualify, a school would be required to: designate staff as a military liaison; maintain a webpage on the school's publicly accessible website that provides certain resources for military-connected students and families; maintain a transition program that assists military-connected students and would be led by students where appropriate; offer professional development opportunities for staff members on issues related to military-connected students; and offer at least one special initiative to recognize military connected students and their families.

Within 30 days of receipt of application, would require a professional licensing board to issue to a spouse or domestic partner of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is stationed in Oregon a temporary authorization to provide an occupational or professional service or provide reasons for a decision not to issue a temporary authorization.

Would update the definition of Armed Forces of the United States and the Uniformed Services throughout Oregon statute to include, along with the Department of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, the: Marine Corps; Coast Guard; and Space Force of the United States.