

HB 2094 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Evans

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

Action Date: 03/16/21

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 6-0-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Meek, Wallan, Wright

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 3/2, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to define "veteran" via rulemaking, for purposes of programs it administers. Allows director to delegate signing of housing finance bonds. Clarifies OHCS' authority to approve or disqualify housing sponsors.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of "veteran" for OHCS programs
- Funding of OHCS programs; 25 percent allocated for veterans
- Possible amendment to add to statutory definition of "veteran"
- Clarifying expanded definition will not include dishonorable discharge
- Veterans Work Group

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Several years ago, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) conducted a review of Oregon statutes for the purpose of standardizing multiple definitions of "veteran" in favor of a single, uniform definition.

House Bill 2094 allows OHCS to define "veteran" by rule for OHCS' programs. The measure also allows the director of OHCS to delegate signing of housing finance bonds.