

HB 2295 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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Meeting Dates: 4/20, 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends public contracting preference for businesses owned by service-disabled veterans to businesses owned by any veteran. Defines terms "veteran" and "veteran-owned business" for purposes of measure. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

HOUSE VOTE: 56-0-4

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How veteran owned businesses can benefit from public contracting preference
- Current number of service-disabled veteran businesses in Oregon versus businesses owned by any veteran

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under Oregon law, a business owned by a service-disabled veteran (SDV) may be certified for contract preferences with state, county, and city governments, as well as special jurisdiction contracts with entities such as hospitals and universities. Certification is based on the individual owner, rather than the size of business. Qualifying businesses must be a for-profit entity; must register with the Secretary of State; and have gross receipts not exceeding \$23.98 million over a three-year average. Qualifying business owners must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; own and control at least 51 percent of the business; control and manage day-to-day operations; be properly licensed; and have made a contribution of capital. Applicants apply through Business Oregon's Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity.

House Bill 2295 extends eligibility for contracting preferences to all veteran-owned businesses.