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TO: Chair Tran, Co-Chair Lewis, Graybar & Members of the House Committee on Emergency Management,  
General Government and Veterans  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

FROM: Laurie Kimmell, MSgt, USAF (Ret.)

SUBJECT: HB 2845-8

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1. Please accept this as my testimony for HB 2845-8. I oppose this bill as written. I have honorably served in the Air Force for 24 years and was the Privacy Act and FOIA manager for my base. I Chair a veterans committee and am a POA. I would like to propose the following amendments:

- a. Section (3a) should read: Two coordinators for incarcerated veterans ***with a professional background in criminal justice.***
- b. Section (3i) amend to read One veterans employment coordinator ***from Work Source Oregon***
- c. (2a) line 12, page 2 -amend to read ***One coordinator for incarcerated veterans with a criminal justice professional background.***
- d. Page 2, line (14 c) amend to read ***One veterans employment coordinator from Work Source Oregon.***
- e. Section 4 line 21 & 22 amend to read – ***The position of Veterans Employment Coordinator shall come from Worksource Oregon and coordinate with the Department of Veterans Affairs.***
- f. Section 4 -2) Amend to read: ***Providing veterans with career and Job resources and vocational rehab.***
- g. Section (4 -4, line 28 & 29). Amend to read: ***Contacting any service member with coordination with the Oregon Military Department who End Time Service, (ETS) within two weeks from the date of ETS.***
- h. Section (4-5) ***Contacting any service member who ETS from the Uniformed Services of the United States***
- i. ***Strike – lines 2, 3, 4 page 3, Only the individual and Transportation Movement Office (TMO) who moves their household goods would know if they were moving to this state.***
- j. ***Section (7 –c) Amend to read Courtney Place Veterans Housing and county Veterans Villages***
- k. ***Section (7-7, line 1-2, page 5. Who will make the rules?***
- l. ***Section (11) -Strike Section 3, Counties must have the ability to roll-over funds due to their offices not being fully staffed. Are the counties going to have to adjust to 90% funding for the Veterans Service Offices? IS the state going to take back the rolled over funds from the county:***
- m. ***Section 13 Amend to read -replace the word inspect to retrieve & add if unable to locate***
- n. ***Section 13 - c, lines 27-28). Strike last 4 digits of Social Security number amend to read to: serial number. DoD and the Social Security Reduction Act (2013) has replaced SSN with serial numbers.***
- o. ***Strike (A line 30 -) A Power of Attorney is not recognized by the Veterans Administration and a Power of Attorney is not valid if the veterans is deceased.***
- p. ***Strike B page 8, line 8. A licensed funeral establishment can contact <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/eligibility/>***
- q. ***Section 13 4, line 14 – They need to check on the state OAR for records retention schedule***
- r. ***Section 15 –Page 9, line 7 -Replace Armed Forces with Uniformed Services***
- s. ***Section 16 line 7 Amend to read Oregon District Attorney's offices***
- t. ***Veteran Treatment Court -Section 16 – Add: “(a) Support the operation of existing veterans’ courts; and “(b) Support the implementation of veterans’ courts in counties that do not offer veterans’ courts***

Thank you,

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