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Bill Title: Relating to veterans; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Veterans' Affairs, Judicial Department, Criminal Justice Commission, Office of the Governor, Counties, County Clerks

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Veterans' Affairs	\$ -	\$ 353,115	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 353,115	1	0.50
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ 353,115	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 353,115	1	0.50

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Veterans' Affairs	\$ -	\$ 281,231	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 281,231	1	1.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ 281,231	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 281,231	1	1.00

- There is an indeterminate fiscal impact to counties.

Measure Description

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) to develop and implement a veteran suicide prevention grant program that will award grants to entities involved in pairing suicide prevention with workforce training and preparation. ODVA is to develop criteria for entities that provide programs for suicide prevention and workforce training and preparation; and may may solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations from public and private sources to support the grant program. The measure directs ODVA to use moneys in the Veterans’ Services Fund to develop, implement, and maintain the grant program. The measure directs ODVA to report to the Legislature on the status of the grant program.

The measure directs ODVA to distribute moneys appropriated for county veterans’ service officer (CVSO) programs on a quarterly basis. If a county were unable to expend its local general fund dollars, the formula-based lottery funding allocated to that county would be reduced by a percentage commensurate with the county's level of general fund expenditures for that quarter. At the end of each fiscal year, ODVA is to calculate the remaining moneys not distributed during the fiscal year and distribute the remaining moneys to each county governing body that expended 90% or more of the moneys that the county budgeted for services provided by CVSOs for the fiscal year. The measure authorizes ODVA to reduce the amount of moneys distributed to county governing bodies for CVSOs if there is a decrease in the amount of Lottery Funds revenues appropriated to the department for the CVSO program. The measure directs ODVA to provide a report on the quarterly distribution process to the Legislature and the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC).

The measure increases the cap on the individual grant amount that is allowed under the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The measure requires the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), in consultation with the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), to conduct a study of methods for providing access to veteran treatment court programs in each county or judicial district. OJD and CJC may consult stakeholders and entities that engage with veterans' treatment courts. OJD is to submit a report to the Legislature on this study, and CJC is to assist OJD with the study.

The measure requires the director of ODVA to be a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who has received a discharge or release under other than dishonorable conditions. The director, subject to approval by the Governor, may appoint a deputy director, who serves at the pleasure of the director.

Fiscal AnalysisDepartment of Veterans' Affairs

The fiscal impact for ODVA is estimated to be \$353,115 Lottery Funds and one position (0.50 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium, and \$281,231 Lottery Funds and one position (1.00 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium. The measure directs ODVA to develop and implement a veteran suicide prevention grant program to award grants to entities involved in pairing suicide prevention with workforce training and preparation. To manage and coordinate the grant program, ODVA will need one permanent, full-time Program Analyst 3 position (0.50 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium. The estimated cost of the position, including position-related services and supplies, is \$153,115 in the 2025-27 biennium and \$281,231 in the 2027-29 biennium. ODVA will also make a one-time special payment totaling \$200,000 to award the grant(s) in the 2025-27 biennium. To continue awarding grants in the 2027-29 biennium, ODVA will need to request additional funding based on program utilization and available forecasted resources, including Measure 96 Lottery Funds.

Counties

There is an indeterminate fiscal impact to counties. The measure changes how ODVA distributes Lottery Funds to counties for CVSO programs by tying Lottery Funds to the percentage of county general fund dollars spent. Base funding for CVSOs comes from county general fund dollars. Measure 96 requires 1.5% of Lottery Funds to be allocated to veterans—counties receive a portion of those dollars to expand and enhance the services that CVSOs offer. Those funds are allocated by formula to each county every quarter.

Under the measure, if a county were unable to expend its local general fund dollars, the formula-based lottery funding allocated to that county would be reduced by a percentage commensurate with the county's level of general fund expenditures for that quarter. For example, if a county spends 20% of its budget in the first quarter, then the county would receive only 20% of its lottery funding in that quarter, instead of 25%. At the end of the fiscal year, counties that spend less than 90% of their general funds would lose their remaining lottery allocation, which would be redistributed into a statewide pool for counties that have spent more than 90% of their general funds. As a result, counties may not be able to rely on a predictable lottery allocation from ODVA; and counties that employ staff funded by Lottery Funds may incur additional administrative costs to ensure that costs are appropriately allocated between funding streams. However, counties that routinely spend all their local dollars on veterans would receive their entire lottery fund allocation.

Other entities

There is a minimal fiscal impact to OJD and CJC. There is no fiscal impact to the Office of the Governor and County Clerks.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on July 1, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4132 - A3

ODVA is to report to the Legislature on the status of the veteran suicide prevention grant program by January 2, 2029.

ODVA is to report to the Legislature and AOC on the distribution of moneys to CVSOs by January 2, 2030.

OJD is to report to the Legislature on the study for providing access to veteran treatment court programs by November 1, 2026. This reporting requirement sunsets on January 2, 2027.