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**To:** Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
**From:** Katie Bannikov, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** February 26, 2026  
**Subject:** HB 4132 – Relating to veterans  
Work Session Recommendations

The measure is named as the 2026 Oregon Veteran’s Services Supplemental Investments Initiative and declares legislative intent to fund the Department of Veterans’ Affairs at a specified level of General Fund, establishes positions in statute, and sets requirements for military service for the Department’s director or deputy director.

The measure also establishes the Veterans Suicide Prevention Grant program to provide grants for programs that pair suicide prevention with workforce training and allows for the use of Measure 96 Veterans’ Services Fund monies for the program. There is a reporting requirement to the Legislature by January 2, 2028, and the program is repealed on January 2, 2029.

The County Veterans Service Officer Program is amended to include provisions for notifications, quarterly reporting and documentation requirements, requires use of a distribution formula for remaining funds in the last quarter of each fiscal year, and allows a decrease in distribution if there a decrease in Lottery Funds. The measure also amends statutes regarding county records and requests to inspect veteran discharge papers.

The measure sets a cap of 12% to be held in reserve in the Veterans’ Service Fund and requires the Oregon Judicial Department, in consultation with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, to study methods for providing access to veterans’ treatment courts and report to the Legislature no later than November 1, 2026. Finally, the maximum grant amount for the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant program is increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The –A3 amendment removes the specified funding level, additional positions established in statute, and the cap on the reserve amount in the Veterans’ Services Fund. The amendment

also extends the reporting date and removes the repeal date on the Veterans Suicide Prevention Grant program. The –A4 amendment provides the appropriation necessary to implement the measure based on the fiscal impact of \$353,115 Lottery Funds expenditure limitation for the program, including \$200,000 to be distributed as grants and \$153,115 for a permanent full-time 0.50 FTE position to administer the program.

### **Amendment**

LFO recommends adoption of the –A3 amendment.

**MOTION:** I move adoption of the –A3 amendment to HB 4132. *(vote)*

### **Amendment**

LFO recommends adoption of the –A4 amendment.

**MOTION:** I move adoption of the –A4 amendment to HB 4132. *(vote)*

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 4132, as amended by the –A3 and –A4 amendments, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION:** I move HB 4132, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

### **Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_