

HB 4132 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Evans

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 02/27/26

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 13 - Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Evans, Gomberg, Levy E, Nosse, Owens, Reschke, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith G, Valderrama

Senate Vote

Yeas: 11 - Anderson, Campos, Frederick, Girod, Lieber, Manning Jr, McLane, Neron Misslin, Smith DB, Sollman, Starr

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Department of Veterans' Affairs
2025-27

Budget Summary*

	2025-27 Legislatively Approved Budget⁽¹⁾	2026 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2025-27 Leg. Approved	
			\$ Change	% Change
Lottery Funds	\$ -	\$ 353,115	\$ 353,115	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ 353,115	\$ 353,115	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	1	1	
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.50	0.50	

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2026

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 4132 provides \$353,115 Lottery Funds from the Veterans' Services Fund, established in Article XV, Section 4f of the Oregon Constitution, to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to provide grants for veterans' services and related expenses to administer the new program. Lottery Funds will be allocated through Senate Bill 5703 to ODVA for legislatively approved Lottery Funds expenditures.

Summary of Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee Action

House Bill 4132 requires that either the director or deputy director have qualifying military service. The bill creates a Veterans Suicide Prevention Grant Program to support projects that combine suicide-prevention efforts with workforce training. ODVA is required to report on the status of the program to the Legislature by January 2, 2029.

The changes to the County Veterans Service Office Program include new notification, reporting, and documentation requirements; a required formula for distributing the remaining quarterly funds in the last quarter of each fiscal year; and permission to reduce distributions if Lottery Funds decline. House Bill 4132 also updates statutes related to county records and access to veterans' discharge documents. The bill directs the Oregon Judicial Department, with the Criminal Justice Commission, to study how to expand access to veterans' treatment courts and report to the Legislature by November 1, 2026. Finally, it raises the maximum Veteran Educational Bridge Grant award from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The subcommittee recommended \$353,115 Lottery Funds expenditure limitation for the Veterans Suicide Prevention program including \$200,000 to be distributed as grants and \$153,115 for a permanent, full-time Program Analyst 3 position (0.50 FTE) to administer the program. The Lottery Funds for this program will come from the Veterans' Services Fund established through Ballot Measure 96 (2016).

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
SCR 400 - Strategic Partnerships									
Personal Services	\$ -	\$ 128,115	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 128,115	1	0.50
Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000		
Special Payments	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000		
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ -	\$ 353,115	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 353,115	1	0.50
% Change from 2025-27 Leg Approved Budget	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures