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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4132

Chair Tran and members of the committee,

In regards to HB4132, specifically section 3, regarding additional positions. With the current challenges facing Service Members and the current DoD (10 USC 111) transgender service ban there will be potentially significant challenges that these individuals might face as they transition to veteran status. There are also still significant challenges the current LGBTQ2IAS+ veterans as well. Given the proposed role positions timeline I would like to urge the committee to consider moving the additional LGBTQ+ Coordinator position to the 2028 list of positions. Currently there is only one FTE LGBTQ+ coordinator while other proposed coordinator positions in the 2028 timeline have multiple FTE positions.

Thank you for your considerations and advocacy for all Oregon Veterans.

James