## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2012 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Veterans' & Military Affairs

MEASURE: HB 4063 B CARRIER: Sen. Olsen

FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure Including Amendments to Resolve
	Conflicts. (Printed B-Engrossed)
Vote:	4 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/21

## **REVENUE:** No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides numerous licensing bodies with discretion to substitute military training or experience for other specified requirements for purposes of registration, licensure, or certification to practice a number of professions and trades. Requires that military training or experience be substantially equivalent to requirement being substituted, for most substitutions. Requires Oregon Medical Board to permit licensed physician assistants to meet continuing education requirements with military training or experience for purposes of license renewal. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure
- Strong desire across broad spectrum to find way to facilitate veteran reintegration

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Permits, rather than requires, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to substitute military training and experience for bachelor's degree and completion of specified teacher training program.

**BACKGROUND:** The Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 3207 in 2011, requiring public employers to interview veterans if it was determined that the veteran's military skills met the minimum qualifications for the job, in an effort to improve veterans' opportunities to interview. The Legislative Assembly also passed Senate Bill 275 in 2011, requiring community colleges to develop a standardized method to award college credit for equivalent military training or education in order to permit a more streamlined route to completion of an educational program. House Bill 4063B continues in the same vein, providing the framework to improve veterans' transition to civilian employment.