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То:	Capital Construction Subcommittee
From:	Amanda Beitel, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date:	February 28, 2018
Subject:	HB 4038-A – Relating to military service members Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 4038-A requires Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to study and report to the Legislature, no later than September 1, 2018, on the progress of the Roseburg Veterans' Home; study potential sites for state and tribal veterans' cemeteries; and to establish a program to provide services to incarcerated veterans. The bill also prohibits the Department of State Lands from selling or destroying military medals that are held as unclaimed property.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness on 2/6/2018 and 2/15/2018.

ODVA has determined that two permanent positions will be needed to establish the incarcerated veterans program and provide services to veterans during incarceration and post-release. One existing veterans' service officer position within the department that has provided part-time support for incarcerated veterans pilot projects will be fully dedicated to the program. The department will also require a new Program Analyst 2 position (0.54 FTE) for the second incarcerated veterans' service officer, as well as additional services and supplies costs to support the program.

The -A4 amendment to the bill establishes \$136,531 Lottery Funds expenditure limitation for the second incarcerated veterans' service officer position and services and supplies costs for the program. The amendment also adds an emergency clause.

The -A7 amendment to the bill expands the definition of disabled veteran for the purpose of receiving veterans' preference in public employment to include persons receiving service-connected disability compensation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A4 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A4 amendment to HB 4038-A. (VOTE)

LFO recommends adoption of the -A7 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A7 amendment to HB 4038-A. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4038-A, as amended by the -A4 and -A7 amendments, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 4038-A, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor:

Senate Floor: