

Student Veterans of Oregon



February 1, 2019

Dear Chairman Olsen and Chairman Evans,

As a unified front, student veterans from multiple schools across Oregon spoke before the House Veterans and Emergency Management committee this past Tuesday.

Unfortunately we were unable to speak before the Senate equivalent committee this past Wednesday when there was a public session regarding Senate Bill 35.

Our group supports the purpose of SB 35 with its removal of the sunset clause for funding. However, we believe that altering the way these funds are awarded can have a substantial impact in the effectiveness of how these funds are utilized and the service that is provided to our student veterans. Allowing for a stream of funding, rather than strictly grant funding, schools will be able to have the proper staff for their veteran population on campus.

We are asking to be able to speak to the Senate Veterans Committee prior to a work session is held on SB 35 so that the voices of the Student Veterans of Oregon will be heard.

Sincerely,

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