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Measure Description:

Establishes the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program within the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure establishes the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program within the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) and allocates \$500,000 Lottery Funds from the Veterans' Services Fund to the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program Fund. Funds allocated to the program will be used to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to veterans enrolled in an approved course of study, eligible to receive federal financial assistance as a result of their service in the U.S. Armed Forces, and unable to complete their degree within the expected completion date due to course availability. ODVA may also use funds for conducting outreach and administering the program.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on ODVA.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required