

HB 2141 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 1/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends sunset of Veterans Educational Bridge Grant Program from 2022 to 2024.

Subsequent referral to Joint Committee on Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Veterans Educational Bridge Grant Program was created by the Oregon Legislature during the 2019 legislative session with the passage of House Bill 2201 to support student veterans who are unable to complete an academic program on time because a required course is not available, with grants of up to \$5000. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for assistance has been extremely high. The program is currently scheduled to sunset on January 2, 2022.

House Bill 2141 extends the sunset on the Veterans Educational Bridge Program from 2022 to 2024.