

HB 2094 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 3/2, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to define "veteran" via rulemaking, for purposes of programs it administers. Allows director to delegate signing of housing finance bonds. Clarifies OHCS' authority to approve or disqualify housing sponsors.

REVENUE: *No revenue impact*

FISCAL: *No fiscal impact*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Expanding the definition of "Veteran" for OHCS programs
- Funding of OHCS programs, 25 percent going to veterans
- Amendment in the works with ODVA
- Clarifying that expanded definition will not include dishonorable discharge
- Going to HVEM Veterans Work Group

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Several years ago, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) conducted a review of Oregon statutes for the purpose of standardizing multiple definitions of "veteran" in favor of a single, uniform definition.

House Bill 2094 allows OHCS to define "veteran" via rulemaking, specific to programs it administers. The measure also allows OHCS' director to delegate signing housing finance bonds and clarifies OHCS' authority to approve or disqualify housing sponsors.