

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5036

Department of Veterans' Affairs

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

HB 5036 is the budget bill for the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The Subcommittee approved a total funds budget of \$351.7 million and 104 positions. Lottery Funds expenditure limitation of \$21.2 million, supported with dedicated Measure 96 lottery revenues, is included in the budget and represents a 14.9% increase from the current service level.

The Subcommittee recommendation includes renewed funding for the Campus Veteran Grant Program and Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant Program; increased funding for the Veterans Services Grant Fund and Veterans Emergency Financial Program; and approval of key performance measures and targets.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 5036 be amended by the -2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.