

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2859 - A**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official*

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to operations of department.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2021-23 Biennium</b>	<b>2023-25 Biennium</b>
Lottery Funds		
Special Payments	1,175,000	
<b>Total Lottery Funds</b>	<b>\$1,175,000</b>	

**Analysis:**

HB 2859 A-Engrossed directs the Oregon Department of Veteran' Affairs ODVA to fill and utilize the following five positions:

- Three full-time equivalent positions for the Department's function as the state approving agency for veterans' education and training;
- One full-time equivalent position for campus veterans programming; and
- One full-time equivalent position for the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program.

In addition, the measure allocates \$1,175,000 from the Veteran' Services Fund to ODVA to fund the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program, the Campus veteran resource center grant program, the Department of Veteran' Affairs Veteran Services Grant Fund, and the Grants to counties for veterans' court. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

ODVA reports it will use existing positions for the Department's function as the state approving agency for veterans' education and training, campus veterans programming, and for the Veteran Education Bridge Grant Program.

ODVA will use existing staff and resources to administer the additional funds for the Educational Bridge Grant Program, the Campus veteran resource center grant program, and the Department of Veteran' Affairs Veteran Services Grant Fund. ODVA anticipates partnering with another agency to administer the Grants to counties for veterans' court funds. However, if ODVA is unable to partner with another agency, ODVA may incur administrative expenses.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of General Fund and Lottery Fund impact, as well as position authority.