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SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

I oppose SB 378; each position should interview the top three candidates, no preference to of interview selection. It is not cost effective for the Legislative Assembly to introduce a Bill that orders Oregon agencies to interview all veteran applicants that are qualified. Furthermore, United States Armed Forces is a voluntarily choice of occupation. VA has grown exponentially over time and continues not to get the job done with excellence for medical care, long term care for seniors, and education and technical training opportunities. The veterans are federal separated or retired employees that Congress cannot seem to fund adequately, leaving states to fill the gap; it is not the states citizens' general funds revenue to fill this federal gap.