

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4066

By COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the second semicolon delete the rest of the line and
2 lines 3 and 4 and insert “amending ORS 366.924, 408.090, 408.235 and 408.237; repealing sections 6
3 and 8, chapter 527, Oregon Laws 2019; and prescribing an effective date.”.

4 Delete lines 7 through 16 and delete pages 2 through 14 and insert:
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“PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE

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8 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 408.235 is amended to read:

9 “408.235. (1) A veteran is eligible to use the preference provided for in ORS 408.230 for a civil
10 service position for which application is made at any time after discharge or release from service
11 in the Armed Forces.

12 “(2) An individual is treated as a veteran for purposes of the preference provided for in ORS
13 408.230 if the individual:

14 “(a) Meets the definition of ‘veteran’ under ORS 408.225 except for the requirement that the
15 individual was discharged or released under honorable conditions; and

16 “(b) Submits a certification to the public employer that the individual is expected to be dis-
17 charged or released from active duty under honorable conditions not later than 120 days after the
18 submission of the certification.

19 “(3) An individual is treated as a disabled veteran for purposes of the preference provided for
20 in ORS 408.230 if the individual:

21 “(a) Meets the definition of ‘veteran’ under ORS 408.225 except for the requirement that the
22 individual was discharged or released under honorable conditions; and

23 “(b) Submits a certification to the public employer that the individual is expected to be med-
24 ically separated from active duty under honorable conditions not later than 120 days after the sub-
25 mission of the certification.

26 “(4) **A public employer may require a veteran to provide evidence of eligibility for the**
27 **preference at the time the veteran makes application for the position. In addition to any**
28 **certification that may be required under subsection (2) or (3) of this section, a veteran may**
29 **include as evidence federal DD Form 214 or 215 or any other documentation demonstrating**
30 **preference eligibility. If evidence is required by the public employer under this subsection,**
31 **failure by the veteran to provide evidence at the time of application will disqualify the vet-**
32 **eran from requesting use of the preference in the public employer’s consideration of the**
33 **veteran’s application for the position.**

34 “**SECTION 2.** ORS 408.237 is amended to read:

35 “408.237. (1) As used in this section:

1 “(a) ‘Eligibility list’ means a list of ranked eligible candidates for a civil service position who
2 have become eligible for the position through a test or series of tests and who will be considered
3 for the civil service position in ranked order.

4 “(b) ‘Transferable skill’ means a skill that a veteran has obtained through military education or
5 experience that substantially relates, directly or indirectly, to the civil service position for which
6 the veteran is applying.

7 “(2) When an interview is a component of the selection process for a civil service position or
8 for an eligibility list for a civil service position, a public employer shall interview each veteran:

9 “(a) Whom the public employer determines meets the minimum qualifications and special quali-
10 fications for the civil service position or eligibility list; and

11 “(b) Who submits application materials that the public employer determines show sufficient ev-
12 idence that the veteran has the transferable skills required and requested by the public employer
13 for the civil service position or eligibility list.

14 “[*(3) A public employer is not required to comply with subsection (2) of this section if the employer
15 conducts interviews only as part of the process of selecting a candidate for a civil service position from
16 an eligibility list.*]

17 “**(3) If a public employer does not interview a veteran who applies for a civil service po-
18 sition, the public employer shall, within 14 days of the decision not to interview the veteran,
19 provide to the veteran a written explanation of the employer’s reasons for the decision not
20 to interview the veteran.**

21 “(4) A public employer may consult with the Oregon Military Department and the Department
22 of Veterans’ Affairs to determine whether certain military education or experience produces a
23 transferable skill.

24 “(5) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall provide training to veterans on how to show
25 evidence of transferable skills in an application for a civil service position or eligibility list.

26 “(6) Violation of subsection (2) of this section is an unlawful employment practice under ORS
27 chapter 659A.

28 “(7) A veteran claiming to be aggrieved by a violation of subsection (2) of this section may file
29 a complaint under ORS 659A.820.

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31 **“VETERAN EDUCATIONAL BRIDGE GRANT PROGRAM**

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33 **“SECTION 3. (1) Section 6, chapter 527, Oregon Laws 2019, as amended by section 1,
34 chapter 678, Oregon Laws 2021, is repealed.**

35 **“(2) Section 8, chapter 527, Oregon Laws 2019, as amended by section 2, chapter 678,
36 Oregon Laws 2021, is repealed.**

37 **“SECTION 4.** ORS 408.090, as amended by section 7, chapter 527, Oregon Laws 2019, is
38 amended to read:

39 “408.090. (1) The Director of Veterans’ Affairs, acting on behalf of the State of Oregon, is au-
40 thorized to accept any donation, gift, grant, bequest or devise made in furtherance of the purposes
41 of ORS 408.010 to 408.090 **and section 1, chapter 527, Oregon Laws 2019.** A donation, gift, grant,
42 bequest or devise that is made in cash or its equivalent or reduced thereto, shall be promptly paid
43 by the director to the State Treasurer, who shall credit the amount so received to the Veterans’
44 Educational Aid Account in the General Fund. The director shall make such disposition of do-
45 nations, gifts, grants, bequests or devises, not made in cash or its equivalent, as is specified by the

1 donor thereof, and their earnings and proceeds shall inure to said account. All such donations, gifts,
2 grants, bequests or devises accepted by the director are transfers exempt from taxes imposed on
3 inheritances under the laws of this state.

4 “(2) All moneys in the Veterans’ Educational Aid Account are continuously appropriated to the
5 director and may be used by the director for the purposes authorized in ORS 408.010 to 408.090 **and**
6 **section 1, chapter 527, Oregon Laws 2019.**

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8 **“MEMORIAL HIGHWAYS**

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10 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 366.924 is amended to read:

11 “366.924. (1) The portion of U.S. Highway 395, crossing the State of Oregon, beginning at the
12 California state line and ending at the Washington state line, shall also be known as the World War
13 I Veterans Memorial Highway.

14 “(2) The portion of Interstate 5, crossing the State of Oregon, beginning at the California state
15 line and ending at the Washington state line, shall also be known as the Korean War Veterans
16 Memorial Highway, and as the Purple Heart Trail.

17 “(3) The portion of Interstate 5, beginning in Albany and ending in Salem, shall also be known
18 as the Atomic Veterans and Atomic Cleanup Veterans Memorial Highway.

19 “(4) The portion of U.S. Highway 101, crossing the State of Oregon, beginning at the California
20 state line and ending at the Washington state line, shall also be known as the Persian Gulf,
21 Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway.

22 “(5) The portion of U.S. Highway 26, beginning where the highway intersects with U.S. Highway
23 101 and ending at the Idaho state line, shall also be known as the POW/MIA Memorial Highway.

24 **“(6) The portion of U.S. Highway 30, beginning where the highway intersects with U.S.**
25 **Highway 101 and ending at the Idaho state line, shall also be known as the Oregon Veterans**
26 **Memorial Highway.**

27 “[~~(6)~~] (7) The Department of Transportation shall place and maintain suitable markers along
28 each highway described in this section to indicate the designation of each highway.

29 **“(8) For new highway markers erected on U.S. Highway 30 pursuant to subsection (6) of**
30 **this section, the department shall seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration,**
31 **United States Department of Defense and United States Department of Homeland Security**
32 **to include military service seals on the markers. After receiving approval, the Department**
33 **of Transportation shall include on the markers military service seals representing:**

34 **“(a) The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United States; and**

35 **“(b) The National Guard.**

36 “[~~(7)(a)~~] (9)(a) The department may accept moneys from and may enter into agreements with
37 veterans groups to create, install and maintain the markers.

38 “(b) The department may not use public funds for the installation and maintenance of the
39 markers.

40 **“SECTION 6.** The amendments to ORS 366.924 by section 5 of this 2022 Act apply to new
41 **highway markers erected on U.S. Highway 30 on or after the effective date of this 2022 Act.**

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43 **“UNIT CAPTIONS**

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45 **“SECTION 7.** The unit captions used in this 2022 Act are provided only for the conven-

1 ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any
2 legislative intent in the enactment of this 2022 Act.

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“EFFECTIVE DATE

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**“SECTION 8. This 2022 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2022
7 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”**

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