

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5538

Department of Veterans' Affairs

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Hansell

SB 5538 is the budget bill for the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The Subcommittee approved a total funds budget of \$435.6 million and 101 positions. Lottery Funds expenditure limitation of \$22.2 million, supported with dedicated Measure 96 lottery revenues, is included in the budget.

The Subcommittee recommendation includes renewed funding for the Veterans Emergency Financial Assistance Program, Statewide Veteran Services Grant Program and Veteran Transportation Grant Program; increased funding for the Campus Veteran Resource Center Grant Program and Veteran Education Bridge Grant Program; and approval of key performance measures and targets.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 5538 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.