

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2271

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Measure Description:

Makes Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program permanent.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis: This measure would expand of Veterans’ Educational Bridge Grant (VEBG) eligibility to more veterans experiencing disruptions to their programs of education or training and makes the VEBG permanent. The measure also expands eligibility of grant funds to veterans who are not in GI Bill-approved programs of education or training by allowing grants to veterans enrolled in any licensed career school, registered apprenticeship, or OJT program offered by a public employer (ex: law enforcement training). The measure also expands grant eligibility to veterans with student debt on a school account, preventing them from registering for future academic terms.

Since the bill is the subject of a Policy Option Package in the Governor’s budget, it will need to be worked with the Agency’s budget in the Ways and Means process.

The measure has a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.