

# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

## 2013 LEGISLATIVE BILL DIGEST

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Bill #	Summary	At the Request of	Bill Location	Next Hearing	Last Three Actions
HB2037	Requires, under specified circumstances, certain professional regulatory boards to issue authorization to practice profession to spouse or domestic partner of active member of Armed Forces who is subject of military transfer to Oregon. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Oregon Military Department	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Health Care. 01/14/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB2044	Removes limit on compensation for ordinary services after Department of Veterans Affairs is appointed conservator. Requires department to establish compensation for ordinary and unusual services by rule. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Department of Veterans Affairs	House Desk - Third Reading	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Second reading. 03/06/13 - Recommendation: Do pass. 03/05/13 - Public Hearing and Work Session held.
HB2045	Allows Department of Veterans Affairs to charge and collect administrative fees as reimbursement for providing certain benefits. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Department of Veterans Affairs	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/14/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB2046	Permits Director of Veterans Affairs to retract waiver of claim against estate of person under certain circumstances. Establishes priority for payment of claim from estate of decedent.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Department of Veterans Affairs	House Desk - Third Reading	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Second reading. 03/06/13 - Recommendation: Do pass. 03/05/13 - Public Hearing and Work Session held.
HB2056	Extends long term care facility assessment to July 1, 2020. Authorizes Department of Human Services to convene meetings and conduct surveys for purpose of reducing long term care facility bed capacity statewide. Establishes procedures for licensee of long term care facility to purchase bed capacity of another long term care facility. Authorizes department to pay additional reimbursements to purchaser of bed capacity under specified conditions. Provides antitrust immunity under state action doctrine. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Department of Human Services	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	01/22/13 - Referred to Health Care with subsequent referral to Revenue, then Ways and Means. 01/14/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB2086	Directs Oregon State Lottery Commission to establish lottery games to benefit veterans education and economic development. Establishes Veterans Lottery Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Veterans Affairs for education, training and job creation. Allocates revenues from veteran-related games to Veterans Lottery Fund. .	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Department of Veterans Affairs	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/21/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/14/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.

HB2157	Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish statewide policy to award college credit to veterans or persons serving in Armed Forces of United States for qualifying scores on college-level examination.	House Interim Committee on Veterans Affairs	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/28/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Higher Education and Workforce Development. 01/14/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB2158	Allows nonresident veterans discharged under other than dishonorable conditions to pay tuition and fees at Oregon resident rates. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	House Interim Committee on Veterans Affairs	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/26/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/14/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB2159	Directs Oregon Military Department to establish therapy and service dog pilot program to study use of dogs for servicemembers suffering from nonphysical injuries. Establishes Therapy and Service Dog Pilot Program Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to department for purposes of pilot program. Requires department to report to Legislative Assembly. Sunsets July 1, 2015. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	House Interim Committee on Veterans Affairs	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/19/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/14/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB2160	Appropriates moneys to Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of operating Campus Veterans Service Officers Program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	House Interim Committee on Veterans Affairs	In House Committee	Date: Tue, Mar 12, 2013 Time: 1:00 PM	03/12/13 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session scheduled. 02/21/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
HB2161	Requires, under specified circumstances, boards, councils, commissions and other entities that examine applicants for licensure, registration, certification or other authorization to issue license, registration, certification or other authorization to practice profession to spouse or domestic partner of active member of Armed Forces who is subject of military transfer to Oregon. Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to establish by rule expedited process by which military spouse or domestic partner licensed to teach in another state may apply for and obtain a teaching license in this state. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	House Interim Committee on Veterans Affairs	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Education. 01/14/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB2162	Removes 12-month residency requirement for admission as residents to community colleges and public universities for persons who are members of specified uniformed services and their spouses and dependents.	House Interim Committee on Veterans Affairs	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/26/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/14/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.

HB2206	Allows Secretary of State to assume election-related duties, functions or powers of county clerk of county for which Governor has declared public safety services emergency due to fiscal distress. Requires funds retained by Director of Veterans Affairs out of distribution to county without county veterans service officer to be spent to provide veterans services in that county in manner deemed appropriate by director. Authorizes county to request declaration by Governor of emergency in county that is providing less than minimally adequate property tax assessment and collection services. Directs Department of Revenue to provide property tax assessment and collection services until determination by Governor that emergency no longer exists. Authorizes department to charge fee for actual costs of services. Requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to enter into agreement to combine resources for the purpose of administration and enforcement of municipal building inspection program if municipality is not carrying out program or at request of public body. Allows establishment of fees to cover departments costs under agreement. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Oregon Department of Administrative Services	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/27/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Rules. 01/14/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB2252	Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule to establish multiyear licenses. Allows issuing agents to charge certain fees for certain licenses and tags. Provides that members of uniformed services who are not resident members of uniformed services are resident persons for purchase of certain licenses, tags and permits.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for State Department of Fish and Wildlife	In House Committee Awaiting transfer to Desk	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Work Session held. 02/26/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
HB2290	Requires student to complete and submit application for apprenticeship program or post-secondary education institution, to complete and submit enlistment application in Armed Forces or National Guard, or to attend orientation related to apprenticeship or training opportunity, in order to receive high school diploma. Takes effect July 1, 2014.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	01/22/13 - Referred to Education. 01/14/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB2388	Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to Oxford Houses of Oregon for establishment and maintenance of revolving loan fund to aid in development of housing for veterans or victims of domestic violence. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.		In House Committee	Date: Fri, Mar 08, 2013 Time: 3:00 PM	03/08/13 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session scheduled. 02/13/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Human Services and Housing with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
HB2417	Increases amount of fees charged and collected by county clerks to record or file certain real property documents. Directs transfer of increased fees to Housing and Community Services Department accounts for housing-related programs. Requires that 25 percent of moneys deposited in Housing and Community Services Department accounts be allocated to assist veterans with housing-related needs.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/06/13 - Public Hearing held. 02/25/13 - Referred to Human Services and Housing by prior reference. 02/25/13 - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Human Services and Housing by prior reference, then be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
HB2421A	Requires Director of Transportation to notify Director of Veterans Affairs upon receipt of certain written information from member or veteran of uniformed service, if authorized to do so by member or veteran. Restricts notification to name and address of member or veteran.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/25/13 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of Speaker. 02/25/13 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means. 02/21/13 - Work Session held.
HB2422	Requires Director of Human Services to inform Director of Veterans Affairs of receipt of written information from member or veteran of uniformed service only when authorized by member or veteran and upon implementation or upgrade of electronic delivery system. Restricts notification to name and address of member or veteran.		In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness. 03/04/13 - First reading. Referred to Presidents desk. 02/28/13 - Third reading. Carried by Esquivel. Passed.

HB2633	Defines honorable conditions with regard to honorable discharge status of veteran as having meaning given in rules adopted by Department of Veterans Affairs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.		In Senate Committee Awaiting transfer to Desk	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Work Session held. 02/28/13 - Public Hearing held. 02/18/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness.
HB2680A	<i>Directs Director of Veterans Affairs to establish fourth Oregon Veterans Home in Lebanon. Authorizes director to seek federal grant funds for purpose of establishing home in Lebanon.</i> ] Establishes Lebanon Veterans Home Construction Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Veterans Affairs to acquire, develop, construct and equip Lebanon Veterans Home. <b>Modifies authorized uses of \$10.5 million of proceeds of lottery bonds authorized to be issued for biennium beginning July 1, 2011. Directs that \$6.5 million be deposited in Roseburg Veterans Home Construction Fund and that \$4 million be deposited in Lebanon Veterans Home Construction Fund.</b> Declares emergency, effective on passage.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/19/13 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 02/19/13 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 02/14/13 - Public Hearing and Work Session held.
HB2708A	<i>Provides that portion of Oregon Route 34 shall be known as Eric McKinley and Tyler Troyer Hero Memorial Highway.</i> ] <b>Directs Department of Transportation to erect and maintain Fallen Hero roadside memorial sign for individuals killed in line of duty or who died as result of wounds received in action while serving in Armed Forces of United States. Requires payment of fee before department may erect sign.</b>	Michael Thorpe, father of Tyler Troyer USMC	House Desk - Third Reading	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Rules suspended. Made a Special Order of Business on March 14, 2013 Calendar. 03/06/13 - Rules suspended. Carried over to March 7, 2013 Calendar. 03/05/13 - Rules suspended. Carried over to March 6, 2013 Calendar.
HB2883	Provides credit against income taxes for fees paid by member of Oregon National Guard or military reservist for Internet service provided outside United States. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/18/13 - Referred to Veterans Services and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Revenue. 02/11/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB3049	Permits Department of Transportation to issue veterans recognition registration plate to Gold Star Family member who is sibling of person who was killed in action in armed conflict while serving in Armed Forces of United States.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/27/13 - Referred to Transportation and Economic Development with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 02/20/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB3091	Increases number of motor vehicles that disabled veteran may register.	Ricardo Fernandes	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/01/13 - Referred to Transportation and Economic Development. 02/22/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HB5047	Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Veterans Affairs for certain biennial expenses. Limits certain biennial expenditures from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and Oregon War Veterans Bond Sinking Account, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by department. Authorizes specified nonlimited expenditures. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.	Oregon Department of Administrative Services	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/26/13 - Public Hearing held. 02/25/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/23/13 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Transportation and Economic Development.
HCR3	Recognizes Korean veterans for their service during Vietnam War.		In Senate Committee Awaiting transfer to Desk	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Work Session held. 02/28/13 - Public Hearing held. 02/21/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness.
HCR4	Honors Neil Swarthout for heroic acts as United States Navy pilot.		In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/01/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness. 02/28/13 - First reading. Referred to Presidents desk. 02/27/13 - Read. Carried by Matthews. Adopted.

HCR11	Commends Brigadier General Julie A. Bentz on being first female officer in history of Oregon Army National Guard to achieve rank of Brigadier General.	Representative Cliff Bentz	Senate Presidents Desk - Awaiting Referral	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - First reading. Referred to Presidents desk. 03/06/13 - Read. Carried by Bentz. Adopted. 03/04/13 - Rules suspended. Made a Special Order of Business on March 6, 2013 Calendar.
HCR23	Recognizes service and sacrifices of atomic veterans.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/04/13 - Referred to Veterans Services and Emergency Preparedness. 02/25/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HCR24	Expresses support for creation of Veterans Treatment Court in all judicial districts.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/04/13 - Referred to Veterans Services and Emergency Preparedness. 02/25/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HJM1	Urges Congress to overturn United States Department of Veterans Affairs regulation prohibiting provision of service or therapy dogs for veterans with emotional and mental disabilities.	House Interim Committee on Veterans Affairs	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/04/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness. 02/26/13 - First reading. Referred to Presidents desk. 02/25/13 - Read. Carried by Esquivel. Adopted.
HJM9	Urges Congress to change funding of veterans health care from discretionary entitlement to permanent and direct entitlement.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/27/13 - Referred to Veterans Services and Emergency Preparedness. 02/20/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
HJR29	Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to include providing services to veterans among public purposes for which net proceeds of Oregon State Lottery may be spent. Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/01/13 - Referred to Veterans Services and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Revenue, then Ways and Means. 02/22/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
SB1	Requires employer to provide paid or unpaid time off for Veterans Day to employees who are veterans. Provides exceptions. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Lucy Van Oort in memory of Steven Lippert	In House Committee	Date: Tue, Mar 12, 2013 Time: 1:00 PM	03/12/13 - Public Hearing scheduled. 03/05/13 - Referred to Veterans Services and Emergency Preparedness. 02/27/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk.
SB34	Removes limit on number of loans eligible individual may receive or assume from Department of Veterans Affairs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Department of Veterans Affairs	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/28/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/16/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness. 01/14/13 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to Presidents desk.
SB35	Modifies limit on amount of home and farm loans made by Department of Veterans Affairs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Department of Veterans Affairs	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/28/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/16/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness. 01/14/13 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to Presidents desk.
SB36	Makes state financial aid to veterans for educational purposes subject to available funds.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Department of Veterans Affairs	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/28/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/16/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness. 01/14/13 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to Presidents desk.

SB45	Requires state agencies to notify parties in contested case hearing of rights that active duty servicemembers have to stay proceedings under federal law.	Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/07/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness, then Judiciary. 01/14/13 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to Presidents desk.
SB124	Directs court to consider evidence received during criminal proceeding regarding defendants status as servicemember in determining aggravation or mitigation. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Senate Interim Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs for Oregon State Bar	Senate Desk - Awaiting Third Reading	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Second reading. 03/07/13 - Recommendation: Do pass. 03/06/13 - Public Hearing and Work Session held.
SB125	Requires state agency to provide notice to parties in contested case hearing describing rights that active duty servicemembers have to stay proceedings under federal law.	Senate Interim Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs for Oregon State Bar	In Senate Committee Awaiting transfer to Desk	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Work Session held. 02/07/13 - Public Hearing held. 01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness, then Judiciary.
SB129	Requires law enforcement unit to train public safety officers in veterans issues. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Senate Interim Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs	In Senate Committee	Date: Thu, Apr 11, 2013 Time: 1:00 PM	04/11/13 - Public Hearing Scheduled. 01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness. 01/14/13 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to Presidents desk.
SB133	Allows credit against income taxes for employment of qualified military veterans. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and before January 1, 2019. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.	Senate Interim Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Work Session held. 02/21/13 - Work Session held. 02/14/13 - Public Hearing held.
SB461	Provides that Interstate 84 in Oregon shall be known as Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/06/13 - Referred to Veterans Services and Emergency Preparedness. 03/04/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk. 02/28/13 - Third reading. Carried by Monnes Anderson. Passed.
SB687	Requires coordinated care organization to screen combat veterans and members of Armed Forces for mental health and traumatic brain injury.		In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/04/13 - Referred to Health Care and Human Services. 02/26/13 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to Presidents desk.
SB762	Directs Department of Veterans Affairs to create and coordinate public information campaign to prevent suicide by veterans. Directs department to conduct outreach to, and cooperate and coordinate with, cities, counties, community organizations, persons and organizations to provide services and assistance to veterans regarding veterans benefits through alternative means and resources in addition to county veterans service officers program. Requires department to make informational materials and training opportunities available to others in addition to county veterans service officers. Appropriates moneys to Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of operating public information campaign to prevent veteran suicides and providing information and services to veterans about veterans benefits. Declares emergency, effective on passage.		In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/28/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness, then Ways and Means. 02/26/13 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to Presidents desk.
SB763	Requires Department of Veterans Affairs to establish and implement process for eligible veterans under HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program to obtain single criminal records check for presentation to owners of qualified rental units. Requires Department of Transportation to issue identification card to eligible veterans upon presentation of proof of participation in HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program.		In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/04/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness. 02/26/13 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to Presidents desk.

SB808	Allows higher property tax exemption on property of veterans with service-connected disabilities of 100 percent. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.		Senate Presidents Desk - Awaiting Referral	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to Presidents desk.
SCR13	In memoriam: Kenneth Allen Jernstedt, 1917-2013.		In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/07/13 - Referred to Rules. 03/05/13 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to Presidents desk.
SJM1	Urges Congress to develop mechanisms that provide adequate notice to states in which persons convicted in military courts of sex crimes plan to reside.	Senate Interim Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/06/13 - Referred to Veterans Services and Emergency Preparedness. 03/04/13 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk. 02/28/13 - Final reading. Carried by Monnes Anderson. Adopted.