

# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

## 2013 LEGISLATIVE BILL DIGEST

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Bill #	Summary	At the Request of	Bill Location	Next Hearing Date	Last Action
HB2037A	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. <b>Requires Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to establish by rule expedited process by which military spouse or domestic partner who is licensed to teach in another state may apply for and obtain teaching license.</b> Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Oregon Military Department	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/29/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness.
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	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	05/02/13 - Public Hearing 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.
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	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	05/02/13 - Public Hearing held.
HB2056B	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. <i>Declares emergency, effective on passage.</i> <b>Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.</b>	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Department of Human Services	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/18/13 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services.
HB2086A	Directs Oregon State Lottery Commission to establish lottery <i>games</i> <b>game</b> 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 <i>games</i> <b>game</b> to Veterans Lottery Fund. .	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Department of Veterans Affairs	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/29/13 - Public Hearing held.
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	House Interim Committee on	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this	02/28/13 - Public Hearing held.

	scores on college-level examination.	Veterans Affairs		time.	
HB2158A	<i>Allows nonresident veterans discharged under other than dishonorable conditions to pay tuition and fees at Oregon resident rates.</i> <b>Directs public universities and community colleges to charge nonresident veteran who is undergraduate student tuition and fees no greater than resident rate if nonresident veteran was discharged under other than dishonorable conditions and attended elementary or secondary school in any state or territory, District of Columbia or Commonwealth of Puerto Rico within five years immediately prior to receiving high school diploma or leaving school before receiving high school diploma, attended elementary or secondary school in this state within three years immediately prior to receiving high school diploma or leaving school before receiving diploma and received high school diploma from secondary school in this state or received equivalent of high school diploma. Where nonresident veteran who is undergraduate or graduate student does not meet specified requirements, directs public universities and community colleges to charge nonresident veteran tuition and fees no greater than resident rate plus 50 percent of difference between resident rate and nonresident rate. Declares emergency, effective on passage.</b>	House Interim Committee on Veterans Affairs	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/29/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness, then Education and Workforce Development.
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.
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	No hearings scheduled at this time.	02/21/13 - Public Hearing held.
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.
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.
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 Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	05/01/13 - Public Hearing held.
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.
HB2388A	Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to <i>Oxford Houses of Oregon</i> <b>Recovery Association Project of Oregon</b> for establishment and maintenance of revolving loan fund to aid in development of housing for veterans, or] victims of domestic violence <b>and persons who are homeless or termed out of foster care.</b> Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/11/13 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

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.	04/22/13 - Public Hearing held.
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.
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.		Governors Office - Awaiting Signature	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/19/13 - President signed.
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.		Chapter Number Assigned	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/22/13 - Chapter 16, (2013 Laws): Effective date March 21, 2013.
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.
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	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	05/02/13 - Public Hearing held.
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.	03/27/13 - Referred to Revenue by prior reference.
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 Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/17/13 - Referred to Business and Transportation.
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.
HB3384	Authorizes Department of Land Conservation and Development to act in lieu of city or county with land use jurisdiction to issue permit for establishment of facilities to serve or support veterans on land to be donated to public body or nonprofit organization. .		In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/28/13 - Public Hearing held.
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.	04/15/13 - Public Hearing held.
HCR3	Recognizes Korean veterans for their service during Vietnam War.		Filed with Secretary of State	No hearings scheduled at this time.	03/15/13 - Filed with Secretary of State.
HCR4	Honors Neil Swarthout for heroic acts as United States Navy pilot.		Secretary of States Office -	No hearings scheduled at this	04/11/13 - Filed with Secretary of State.

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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	Filed with Secretary of State	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/05/13 - Filed with Secretary of State.
HCR23	Recognizes service and sacrifices of atomic veterans.		In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	05/02/13 - Public Hearing held.
HCR24	Expresses support for creation of Veterans Treatment Court in all judicial districts.		In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	05/02/13 - Public Hearing held.
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	Filed with Secretary of State	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/05/13 - Filed with Secretary of State.
HJM9	Urges Congress to change funding of veterans health care from discretionary entitlement to permanent and direct entitlement.		In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	05/02/13 - Public Hearing held.
HJR29A	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.	04/16/13 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
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	Chapter Number Assigned	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/12/13 - Effective date, April 4, 2013.
SB34A	<i>Removes limit on</i> <b>Limits</b> number of loans eligible individual may receive or assume from Department of Veterans Affairs <b>to four loans</b> . Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., for Department of Veterans Affairs	In House Committee	Date: Tue, May 07, 2013 Time: 1:00 PM	05/07/13 - Work Session scheduled.
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 House Committee	Date: Tue, May 07, 2013 Time: 1:00 PM	05/07/13 - Work Session scheduled.
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.
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.
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	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	05/02/13 - Third Reading. Motion to refer to Judiciary carried. Referred.
SB125B	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 and providing contact information for legal resources. Exempts agencies that currently provide notice from specific contact information requirement. Allows agencies to exhaust supply of preprinted forms used to give notice before complying with requirement. Declares emergency, effective on passage] <b>September 1, 2013</b> .	Senate Interim Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs for Oregon State Bar	In House Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	05/01/13 - Referred to 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	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	01/22/13 - Referred to Veterans and Emergency

SB133A	Allows credit against income taxes for employment of qualified military veterans <b>working in Oregon</b> . 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.	Affairs Senate Interim Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs	In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	Preparedness. 04/03/13 - Referred to Tax Credits by prior reference.
SB461	Provides that Interstate 84 in Oregon shall be known as Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.		Chapter Number Assigned	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/12/13 - Effective date, January 1, 2014.
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.
SB762A	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. <i>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.</i> ] <b>Creates Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program in Department of Veterans Affairs to publicize veterans benefits, provide outreach regarding suicide prevention and implement public information campaign. Establishes Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to department to implement public information campaign and program. Authorizes individual taxpayers to contribute all or part of tax refund to Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program. Authorizes person who applies to renew vehicle registration online to make contribution of \$1 or more to program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.</b>		In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/23/13 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
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.
SB808A	Allows higher property tax exemption on property of veterans with service-connected disabilities of 100 percent. <b>Allows exemption for surviving spouse who remarries for first time after death of veteran after age of 56 years.</b> Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.		In Senate Committee	No hearings scheduled at this time.	04/16/13 - Referred to Finance and Revenue by prior reference.
SCR13	In memoriam: Kenneth Allen Jernstedt, 1917-2013.		In House Committee	Date: Mon, May 06, 2013 Time: 3:00 PM	05/06/13 - Public Hearing and Work Session scheduled.
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.	Affairs Senate Interim Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs	Senate Presidents Desk - Awaiting Signature	No hearings scheduled at this time.	05/02/13 - Read. Carried by Matthews. Adopted.