
2019 Bills Passed: ODVA Bills

SB 35 EN Chapter 539, (2019 Laws) Effective date, January 1, 2020

ODVA BILL: Streamlines conservatorship accounting; makes permanent Campus Veteran Grant Program
Exempts Department of Veterans' Affairs from requirement to include vouchers for disbursements with conservator's accounting to court. Makes permanent Campus Veteran Grant Program

SB 36 EN Chapter 223, (2019 Laws) Effective Date, January 1, 2020

ODVA BILL: Housekeeping bill for home loans statutes, ORS Chapter 407
Modifies laws relating to home and farm loans for veterans.

SB 37 EN Chapter 224, (2019 Laws) Effective date, January 1, 2020.

ODVA BILL: Housekeeping bill for Oregon Veteran Homes, ORS Chapter 408
Clarifies laws relating to Oregon Veterans' Homes.

SB 5538 EN Chapter 570, (2019 Laws) Effective date, July 15, 2019

ODVA Budget Bill
Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Veterans' Affairs for certain biennial expenses.

SB 5543 EN Chapter 31, (2019 Laws) Effective date, April 10, 2019

ODVA 2017-19 Budget increase for State Approving Authority
Modifies amount of lottery moneys allocated to Veterans' Department of Veterans' Affairs Dedicated Lottery Fund for veterans' services program.

2019 Bills Passed: Veteran-Related Bills

HB 2201 EN Chapter 527, (2019 Laws): Effective date July 15, 2019

Bridge grants for veterans receiving GI Bill benefits
Establishes Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program within Department of Veterans' Affairs.
Grants (\$5,000 max) for veterans receiving GI Bill benefits who are unable to complete courses of study on time because courses not available. *Provides \$447,719 LF to ODVA: \$300,000 grants, \$147,719 staffing*

HB 2202 EN Chapter 528, (2019 Laws): Effective date January 1, 2020

Bureau of Labor and Industries to inform veterans about apprenticeship programs
Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) to conduct outreach to veterans about trade careers and apprenticeships.
Provides \$250,000 LF to BOLI to implement outreach

HB 2211 EN Chapter 394, (2019 Laws): Effective date January 1, 2020

Business Development Department to accept federal VA disability letter of 70% or greater for business loan
For honorably discharged veteran who have a 70 % or greater disability rating and are applying for a business loan from the Oregon Business Development Department.

HB 2462 EN Chapter 86, (2019 Laws): Effective date January 1, 2020

Court must notify veteran defendant that may be eligible for diversion or treatment programs
Directs court to, at the time of arraignment, notify defendant that status as servicemember may make defendant eligible for treatment programs, diversion, specialty courts or sentencing mitigation.

HB 2530 EN Chapter 405, (2019 Laws): Effective date January 1, 2020

Eviction, foreclosure and other documents must notify veteran that assistance may be available

Requires persons who send or serve certain documents related to termination of tenancy, forcible entry or detainer, or residential foreclosures to include certain information regarding assistance that may be available to veterans of armed forces.

HB 2556 EN Chapter 207, (2019 Laws): Effective date July 1, 2019.

Child of active duty member of Armed Forces has seven days of excused absence from school.

Provides seven days of excused absences from school if pupil is dependent of member of Armed Forces of United States who is on active duty or who is called into active duty.

HB 2817 EN Chapter 656, (2019 Laws): Effective date January 1, 2020

Expands use of higher education tuition grants

Expands higher education tuition grants offered to qualified members of Oregon National Guard; permits grant to be used for undergraduate degree program at Oregon Health and Science University, or qualifying private post-secondary institutions or for program or curriculum designed to lead to certificate of completion at community college, public university, Oregon Health and Science University or qualifying private post-secondary institution.

HB 3030 EN Chapter 142, (2019 Laws): effective on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

State my issue temporary licenses to spouses of active duty members of Armed Forces

Allows professional licensing board to issue nonrenewable temporary authorization to spouse of member of Armed Forces of United States stationed in Oregon and who holds eligible out-of-state authorization to provide occupational or professional service.

SB 66 EN Chapter 257, (2019 Laws) Effective date, June 6, 2019

Oregon Board of Nursing recognizes military training for licensed practical nurses.

Authorizes Oregon State Board of Nursing to recognize military education or training programs as sufficient to meet requirements for licensure as licensed practical nurse.

SB 234 EN Chapter 283 (2019 Laws) Effective date, January 1, 2020

Allows resident tuition rate for veterans receiving vocational rehabilitation benefits

Removes exclusion of students receiving federal vocational rehabilitation education benefits from section providing for resident rate tuition at public universities and community colleges for students who served, or who are dependents of someone who served, in Armed Forces or international position.

SB 593 EN Chapter 82, (2019 Laws) Effective date, January 1, 2020.

Resident disabled veteran hunting license eligible for additional preference points in controlled hunt

Makes person holding resident disabled veteran hunting license eligible for additional preference points in controlled hunt permit preference system.

SB 688 EN Chapter 626, (2019 Laws) Effective date, January 1, 2020

Licensing boards report on temporary authorization for spouses/domestic partners of Armed Service members

Directs professional licensing board to annually report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to veterans information about temporary authorizations to practice occupational or professional service for spouses or domestic partners of members of Armed Forces of United States who are stationed in this state.

SB 689 EN Chapter 254 (2019 Laws) Effective date: January 1, 2020.

Spouse/dependent child of active members of Armed Forces maintain resident status if continuously enrolled
Requires that spouses or dependent children of active members of Armed Forces of United States who are considered residents at time of admission to community college or public university continue to be considered residents for as long as they remain continuously enrolled at community college or public university.

SB 690 EN Chapter 339, (2019 Laws) Effective date, June 11, 2019.

Repeals sunset provision for Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.
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SB 802 EN Chapter 347, (2019 laws), Effective date,

Child of active military resident of school district.
official military order for transfer of parent of child.

2019 Bills Passed: Honor and Recognition

HCR 1 EN Filed with Secretary of State
Recognizes impending overseas deployment of Oregon National Guard's 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

HCR 4 EN Filed with Secretary of State
Recognizes and honors Specialist Nickolaus Gregory Gossack (1987-2010) for his service to his country.

HCR 13 EN Filed with Secretary of State
Recognizes and honors Private First Class Ryan Jeffrey Hill (1986-2007) for his service to his country.

HCR 28 EN Filed with Secretary of State
Recognizes and honors Sergeant First Class Scot R. Noss for his service to his country.

HCR 29 EN Filed with Secretary of State
Recognizes and honors Sergeant First Class Richard Joseph Henkes II (1973-2006) for his service to his country.

SCR 2 EN Filed with Secretary of State
Recognizes and honors Corporal Jimmy Erik Floren (1946-1967) for his service to his country.

SCR 3 EN Filed with Secretary of State
Recognizes and honors Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson (1937-1969) for his service to his country.

SCR 11 EN Filed with Secretary of State
Recognizes and honors Staff Sergeant Don Anderson for his service to his country.

SCR 19 EN Filed with Secretary of State
In memoriam: Brigadier General James Burdette Thayer, 1922-2018.

SCR 20 EN Filed with Secretary of State
Recognizes and honors USS McGinty and its crew for their service to their country.

2019 Legislative Session: Significant bills that did not pass

HB 2195 A 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

State Capitol State Park to Vietnam War memorial.

Dedicates portion of State Capitol State Park to Vietnam War memorial.

HB 2200 A 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

Loan program for veterans with pending claims

Loan program for veterans with pending benefit claims before the federal VA

HB 2203 A 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

Funds for Veteran Treatment Courts

Criminal Justice Comm. veteran treatment court grants. *\$500,000 veterans lottery funds to CJC under budget bill.*

HB 2886 A 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

Veterans' preference

Modifies law regarding requirement that public employer grant preference to veteran or disabled veteran

HB 2976 A 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

Standards for licencing of career schools

Higher Education/ODVA adopt rules on minimum standards for licencing career schools.

HB 3163 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

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SB 140 A 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

Emergency boarding pilot project (emergency departments boarding individuals behavioral health)

Establishes Emergency Department Boarding Pilot Project in Oregon Health Authority.

SB 243 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

Veterans' preference

ODVA to conduct study to determine effects of employment discrimination against veteran on unemployment rate.

SB 308 A 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

Disabled veteran access to parks

Parks and Recreation convene advisory committee to recommend changes for veteran camp reservations.

SB 332 B 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

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Modifies law regarding requirement that public employer grant preference to veteran or disabled veteran

SB 462 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

Seabees license plate

"Seabees," is eligible for license plate. *ODVA and DMV to work together on concepts for all new plates*

SB 500 A 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment.

Veterans property tax exemption

Grants higher property tax exemption for property of veterans with service-connected disabilities.

SB 722 A 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment

State unemployment for active military

State-funded program to pay unemployment benefits active duty under government shutdown

SB 938 6/30/2019 - In committee upon adjournment

Roseburg Veteran's Home Bond Authorization

General obligation bonds under for construction of veterans' home in Roseburg, Oregon for \$17.5 million.
