

ODVA Veteran Bill Digest

Report Date: April 25, 2025

Bill Number	Last Three Actions	Upcoming Hearings
HB 2050	04/15/25 - Referred to Revenue by prior reference. 04/15/25 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Revenue by prior reference. 04/08/25 - Work Session held.	
Relating to a taxable income exemption for taxpayers who are a veteran. Exempts from state income tax all federal retirement pay or pension received for service in the Armed Forces of the United States for a taxpayer who is a disabled veteran or member of a reserve component or the National Guard.		
HB 2341	04/23/25 - Governor signed. 04/15/25 - President signed. 04/15/25 - Speaker signed.	
Relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Adds a uniformed service member's or veteran's e-mail address to the information that the Director of Human Services, Early Learning System Director, Director of Transportation and Director of the Oregon Health Authority are required to provide to the Director of Veterans' Affairs.		
HB 2344	04/29/25 - Public Hearing Scheduled. 04/21/25 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 04/16/25 - First reading. Referred to President's desk.	1:00PM 04/29/2025 Senate Committee Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs Public Hearing HR B
Relating to the World War II memorial located in the Capitol Mall. Requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to keep the World War II memorial located in the Capitol Mall up to date and maintain an educational tool as part of the memorial.		
HB 2386	04/23/25 - Governor signed. 04/15/25 - President signed. 04/15/25 - Speaker signed.	
Relating to the unclaimed remains of eligible decedents. Provides the Department of Veterans' Affairs with authority to adopt rules to implement the laws concerning the unclaimed remains of veterans, veterans' spouses and dependents and survivors of veterans.		
HB 2537	04/07/25 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/07/25 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/03/25 - Work Session held.	
Relating to veterans; declaring an emergency. Establishes the Veterans Waiver Program in the Oregon Health Authority to provide, beginning in 2026, medical assistance to low-income veterans who reside in Oregon.		
HB 2538	03/11/25 - Public Hearing held. 02/13/25 - Public Hearing cancelled. 01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans.	
Relating to continuing education for Oregon Medical Board licensees. Directs the Oregon Medical Board to require physicians and physician associates to complete continuing education regarding lethal means counseling.		

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HB 2559	04/29/25 - Public Hearing Scheduled. 04/21/25 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 04/16/25 - First reading. Referred to President's desk.	1:00PM 04/29/2025 Senate Committee Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs Public Hearing HR B

Relating to veterans.

Allows the Department of Veterans' Affairs to use a summary of benefits letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs when determining an applicant's eligibility for benefits or services that are offered by or through the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

[HB 2650](#) 01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

Relating to veterans' courts.

Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement a grant program to provide funding to Oregon counties for veterans' courts.

[HB 2654](#) 01/17/25 - Referred to Housing and Homelessness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

Relating to the emergency veterans housing program.

Establishes the emergency veterans housing program within the Housing and Community Services Department.

[HB 2664](#) 01/17/25 - Referred to Housing and Homelessness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

Relating to housing for veterans.

Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish and administer a program to acquire and manage residential properties for the benefit of veterans who are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing, housing instability.

[HB 2717](#) 01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency.

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds under Article XI-Q of the Oregon Constitution for construction of a veterans' home in Roseburg.

[HB 2824](#) 01/17/25 - Referred to Behavioral Health and Health Care.
01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

Relating to prescription drugs for veterans.

Requires coordinated care organization drug outlets to dispense a seven-day supply of a prescription drug to a veteran with a disability, at no cost to the veteran, if the veteran is unable to obtain the prescription drug through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

[HB 2825](#) 01/17/25 - Referred to Labor and Workplace Standards with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

Relating to preferences for veterans in public employment selection processes.

Modifies law regarding the requirement that a public employer grant preference to a veteran or disabled veteran in the selection process for a civil service position.

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HB 2832	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to preferences for veterans in public employment. Provides that a veteran must provide evidence of eligibility for veterans' preference in public employment at the time of application for a civil service position.		
HB 2845	04/15/25 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/15/25 - Subsequent referral to Transportation rescinded by order of the Speaker. 04/15/25 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, subsequent referral to Transportation be rescinded, and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.	
Relating to veterans; declaring an emergency. Declares that it is the goal of the Legislative Assembly to fund the Department of Veterans' Affairs in an amount that is not less than \$10,000,000, from the General Fund, in 2015 dollars, adjusted for inflation.		
HB 2906	04/03/25 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/03/25 - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 03/31/25 - Work Session held.	
Relating to housing for veterans; declaring an emergency. Establishes the Task Force on Innovative Housing Strategies for Veterans.		
HB 3287	02/20/25 - Public Hearing held. 01/24/25 - Referred to Revenue. 01/21/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to property tax exemption for disabled veterans; prescribing an effective date. Grants a higher property tax exemption for the property of veterans with disabilities.		
HB 3460	04/11/25 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/11/25 - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/08/25 - Work Session held.	
Relating to hyperbaric oxygen therapy; prescribing an effective date. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to administer a program to reimburse the cost of hyperbaric oxygen therapy for low-income veterans who have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder and are ineligible for medical assistance.		
HB 3534	03/25/25 - Public Hearing held. 03/20/25 - Referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development by order of Speaker and then Ways and Means by prior reference. 03/20/25 - Without recommendation as to passage, be referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development, and then to Ways and Means by prior reference.	
Relating to tuition waivers; prescribing an effective date. Provides for a waiver of tuition, fees and the cost of textbooks for veterans and the children of veterans from eligible post-secondary institutions.		

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HB 3572	04/10/25 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/10/25 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/03/25 - Work Session held. Relating to emergency medical services; prescribing an effective date. Directs the Emergency Medical Services Program to develop a state emergency medical services 10-year strategic plan.	
HB 3627	03/28/25 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 03/28/25 - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 03/25/25 - Work Session held. Relating to funding for disabled veterans; prescribing an effective date. Establishes the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund.	
HB 3773	04/15/25 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of Speaker. 04/15/25 - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means. 04/08/25 - Work Session held. Relating to veterans. Requires the Oregon Health Authority to adopt by rule qualification criteria for veteran-specific personal health navigators as an additional category of traditional health workers.	
HB 5038	02/27/25 - Public Hearing held. 02/26/25 - Informational Meeting held. 01/18/25 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Transportation and Economic Development. Relating to the financial administration of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; declaring an emergency. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for certain biennial expenses.	
HCR 5	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk. Resolving that the Legislative Assembly should appropriate from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs an amount that is no less than the amount appropriated in the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as adjusted. Resolves that the Legislative Assembly should appropriate from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs an amount that is no less than the amount appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as adjusted.	
HCR 19	04/24/25 - Second reading. 04/24/25 - Recommendation: Do adopt. 04/21/25 - Public Hearing and Work Session held.	11:00AM 04/28/2025 Third Reading Senate Floor
In memoriam: Frank Wayne Smith.		
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HCR 23	04/24/25 - House concurred in Senate amendments and readopted measure. Ayes, 57; Excused, 2--Levy B, Nguyen H; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Speaker Fahey. 04/21/25 - Made Special Order of Business. Final reading. Carried by Thatcher. Adopted. Ayes, 28; Excused, 1--Jama. 04/17/25 - Second reading.	
	Recognizing and honoring Oregon civilians who served the United States on Wake Island during World War II. Recognizes and honors Oregon civilians who served the United States on Wake Island during World War II. Commends individuals who have increased public awareness of the service and sacrifice of these civilians.	
HJM 2	01/17/25 - Referred to Rules. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Urging Congress to change the funding of veterans' health care from a discretionary entitlement to a permanent and direct entitlement. Urges Congress to change the funding of veterans' health care from a discretionary entitlement to a permanent and direct entitlement.	
HJM 4	01/17/25 - Referred to Rules. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Urging Congress to extend benefits to units deployed under 10 U.S.C. 12304b. Urges Congress to enact legislation that extends certain benefits to Reserve and National Guard units deployed under 10 U.S.	
SB 150	04/17/25 - Public Hearing cancelled. 04/07/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 04/01/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Relating to compensation for services performed in connection with a claim for a veteran's benefit; prescribing an effective date. Prohibits receiving compensation for performing certain services for or on behalf of an applicant or a claimant for a veteran's benefit except as provided in applicable federal or state law.	
SB 159	04/15/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 04/10/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk. 04/10/25 - Third reading. Carried by Meek. Passed. Ayes, 29; Excused, 1--Woods.	
	Relating to veterans' recognition plates. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue qualifying owners veterans' recognition registration plates for use on mopeds and motorcycles.	
SB 225	04/21/25 - Public Hearing held. 03/19/25 - Referred to Finance and Revenue by order of the President. 03/19/25 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Finance and Revenue. (Printed A-Eng.)	
	Relating to taxable income exemption for military taxpayers; prescribing an effective date. Exempts from state income tax up to \$17,500 in federal retirement pay or pension received for service in the Armed Forces of the United States for a taxpayer who is receiving federal retirement pay or pension for service in the Armed Forces of the United States and who has attained 63 years of age before the close of the taxable year.	

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SB 230	03/19/25 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 03/19/25 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.) 03/13/25 - Work Session held.	
Relating to the Veterans Dental Program; prescribing an effective date. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to require oral health care providers to complete an intake screening with an enrollee of the Veterans Dental Program within 60 days after the enrollee initiates contact with the provider.		
SB 387	04/28/25 - Informational Meeting scheduled. 04/09/25 - Public Hearing held. 02/10/25 - Referred to Finance and Revenue by prior reference.	8:30AM 04/28/2025 Senate Committee Finance and Revenue Informational Meeting HR A
Relating to property tax exemption for disabled veterans; prescribing an effective date. Grants higher property tax exemptions for the property of veterans with disabilities.		
SB 520	02/10/25 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 02/10/25 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.) 02/06/25 - Work Session held.	
Relating to veterans. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, to provide transportation services to the Roseburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center for veterans residing in Coos and Curry Counties.		
SB 596	04/17/25 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of the President. 04/17/25 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.) 04/08/25 - Public Hearing and Work Session held.	
Relating to veterans' recognition registration plates. Provides that a veteran with a disability is eligible for a veterans' recognition registration plate and may request a waiver of the surcharge imposed for the plate.		
SB 668	02/21/25 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of the President. 02/21/25 - Recommendation: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Ways and Means. 02/18/25 - Work Session held.	
Relating to tuition benefits connected to disabled veterans; declaring an emergency. Expands tuition benefits available to disabled veterans to permit veterans who are Oregon residents and are 80 percent or more disabled, and the spouse and child of disabled veterans, to have tuition waived for enrollment in a vocational program or an associate degree, baccalaureate degree or master's degree program at community colleges, public universities and the Oregon Health and Science University.		
SB 808	04/24/25 - Public Hearing held. 03/10/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 03/04/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to preference given to servicemembers in public employment. Provides hiring and promotion preferences in public employment to members and former members of the Oregon National Guard.		

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SB 5505	04/18/25 - Public Hearing held. 01/18/25 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Capital Construction. 01/17/25 - Referred to Ways and Means.	
Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency. Establishes amounts authorized for issuance of general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, certificates of participation and other financing agreements for the biennium.		
SB 5506	01/18/25 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Capital Construction. 01/17/25 - Referred to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency. Limits for the six-year period beginning July 1, 2025, payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by various state agencies for capital construction.		
SB 5530	01/18/25 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Capital Construction. 01/17/25 - Referred to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency. Maintains and reserves lottery revenues available to benefit public purposes during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, in the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund.		
SJM 1	02/06/25 - Referred to Rules by order of the President. 02/06/25 - Recommendation: Without recommendation as to adoption and be referred to Rules. 02/04/25 - Work Session held.	
Urging Congress to conduct public hearings on anti-military bias and improve enforcement of hate-crime protections for military families. Urges Congress to conduct public hearings on anti-military bias and improve enforcement of hate-crime protections for military families.		