



## 2023 Legislative Session Veteran Bill Digest

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| Bill Number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Last Three Actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Upcoming Hearings                                                                                         |
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| <a href="#">HB 2146</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 02/09/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs.<br>02/07/23 - First reading. Referred to President's desk.<br>02/02/23 - Third reading. Carried by Lewis. Passed. Ayes, 57; Excused, 2--Marsh, Nelson. |                                                                                                           |
| Relating to Gold Star Families memorial highway.<br>Provides that portion of U.S. Highway 30, beginning where highway intersects with U.S. Highway 101 and ending at Idaho state line, shall also be known as Oregon Gold Star Families Memorial Highway.                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">HB 2147</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 01/19/23 - Public Hearing held.<br>01/12/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans.<br>01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.                                                               |                                                                                                           |
| Relating to veterans.<br>Directs governing body of each county to designate person to ensure interment of unclaimed human remains of veteran or survivor of veteran.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">HB 2271</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 02/07/23 - Public Hearing held.<br>01/11/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.<br>01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.                    |                                                                                                           |
| Relating to the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program.<br>Makes Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program permanent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">HB 2273</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 01/11/23 - Referred to Behavioral Health and Health Care.<br>01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                           |
| Relating to Oregon State Hospital.<br>Updates outdated terminology related to Oregon State Hospital.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">HB 2295</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 02/09/23 - Public Hearing held.<br>01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans.<br>01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.                                                               |                                                                                                           |
| Relating to veteran-owned businesses; prescribing an effective date.<br>Broadens public contracting preference for businesses that service-disabled veterans own to include all veteran-owned businesses.                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">HB 2419</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 02/16/23 - Public Hearing scheduled.<br>01/11/23 - Referred to Economic Development and Small Business with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.<br>01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.                              | 1:00PM 02/16/2023<br>House Committee<br>Economic Development and Small Business<br>Public Hearing<br>HR F |
| Relating to linked deposit program.<br>Directs State Treasurer to establish linked deposit program under which State Treasurer purchases investment instruments from qualified depository at below-market rates and qualified depository issues below-market rate loans to minority-owned businesses, woman-owned businesses or businesses that service-disabled veterans own. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">HB 2462</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 01/11/23 - Referred to Behavioral Health and Health Care with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.<br>01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.                                                                            |                                                                                                           |
| Relating to behavioral health clinics.<br>Establishes certified community behavioral health clinic program in Oregon Health Authority.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |

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| <a href="#">HB 2615</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 02/02/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.<br>02/02/23 - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.<br>01/31/23 - Work Session held. |                                                                                      |
| Relating to participation in Oregon Promise program by veterans.<br>Allows veterans to participate in Oregon Promise program if first enrolled in classes within 12 months after discharge from military.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">HB 2629</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Tax Expenditures.<br>01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.   |                                                                                      |
| Relating to tax exemption for the property of veterans; prescribing an effective date.<br>Lowers disability threshold for property tax exemption for homestead or personal property of veterans to 10 percent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">HB 2649</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 02/15/23 - Public Hearing scheduled.<br>01/16/23 - Referred to Business and Labor.<br>01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.                                            | 8:00AM 02/15/2023<br>House Committee<br>Business and Labor<br>Public Hearing<br>HR F |
| Relating to workforce requirements; prescribing an effective date.<br>Provides that qualifying agency must require as material provision of public improvement contract that contractor establish and implement plan for outreach to and recruitment and retention of women, minority individuals and veterans to perform work under public improvement contract, with aspirational target of having individuals in one or more of these groups perform at least 15 percent of total work hours that workers perform under public improvement contract. |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">HB 2789</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans.<br>01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.                                                |                                                                                      |
| Relating to licensure portability for military families.<br>Requires Oregon Military Department to study licensure portability for military families.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">HB 2829</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.<br>01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.     |                                                                                      |
| Relating to veterans' courts.<br>Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement grant program to provide funding to Oregon counties for veterans' courts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">HB 2840</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 02/07/23 - Public Hearing held.<br>01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans.<br>01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.             |                                                                                      |
| Relating to veterans' recognition registration plates.<br>Provides for additional forms of identification that may be used by person to prove status as veteran when applying for veterans' recognition registration plate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |

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| <a href="#">HB 3000</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 02/08/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.<br>02/08/23 - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.<br>02/07/23 - Work Session held. |                                                                                                                            |
| Relating to transportation; declaring an emergency.<br>Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation to cover costs associated with Fallen Hero roadside memorial signs and veterans' recognition registration plates for biennium beginning July 1, 2023. |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">HB 3001</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 02/08/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.<br>02/08/23 - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.<br>02/07/23 - Work Session held. |                                                                                                                            |
| Relating to Gold Star Family members.<br>Directs Department of Transportation to waive fee for Fallen Hero roadside memorial highway sign if applicant is Gold Star Family member and funds are appropriated or otherwise made available to department for purpose of paying fees. |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">HB 3083</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 01/20/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans.<br>01/17/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.                                                |                                                                                                                            |
| Relating to employment preference for veterans.<br>Removes requirement that public employer give preference to veteran or disabled veteran who seeks promotion.                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">SB 178</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 02/07/23 - Work Session held.<br>01/13/23 - Referred to Rules.<br>01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.                                             |                                                                                                                            |
| Relating to tax treatment of pensions.<br>Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to study and make recommendations for policy proposals for tax treatment of military pensions.                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">SB 179</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 01/13/23 - Referred to Rules.<br>01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.                                                                              |                                                                                                                            |
| Relating to veterans.<br>Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to operations of department.                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">SB 181</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 02/14/23 - Work Session scheduled.<br>02/07/23 - Public Hearing held.<br>01/13/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs, then Tax Expenditures.      | 8:30AM 02/14/2023<br>Senate Committee<br>Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs<br>Work Session<br>HR C |
| Relating to military pay; prescribing an effective date.<br>Exempts from state income tax military pay received by Oregon National Guard member while in active service of state or on state active duty.                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">SB 183</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 02/09/23 - Public Hearing held.<br>01/11/23 - Referred to Education, then Ways and Means.<br>01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.                  |                                                                                                                            |
| Relating to the military.<br>Establishes Purple Star School Program within Department of Education to recognize schools that provide certain support services to military-connected students.                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                            |

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| <a href="#">SB 244</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 01/13/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs.<br>01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.                                                                                                 |                                                     |
| Relating to veterans' loans for acquisition of real property.<br>Limits interest rate to no more than prime rate plus one percent for loans advanced under veterans' home and farm loan program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                     |
| <a href="#">SB 249</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 01/13/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs.<br>01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.                                                                                                 |                                                     |
| Relating to employment preference for veterans.<br>Provides that, when interview is element of process of selecting candidate for civil service position from eligibility list, public employer must interview each veteran applicant who meets qualifications for position and shows transferable skills if duties of position are performed by only one person within public employer's organization.                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                     |
| <a href="#">SB 253</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 01/11/23 - Referred to Education.<br>01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.                                                                                                                                                 |                                                     |
| Relating to tuition benefits connected to disabled veterans; declaring an emergency.<br>Expands tuition benefits available to disabled veterans to permit veteran who is Oregon resident and 80 percent or more disabled, and spouse and child of disabled veteran, to have tuition waived for enrollment in vocational program or associate degree, baccalaureate degree or master's degree programs at community colleges, public universities and Oregon Health and Science University. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                     |
| <a href="#">SB 316</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 02/09/23 - Taken from 02-09 Calendar and placed on 02-16 Calendar. Ayes, 28; Excused, 2--Findley, Gorsek.<br>Excused, 2--Findley, Gorsek.<br>02/07/23 - Carried over to 02-09 by unanimous consent.<br>02/02/23 - Carried over to 02-07 by unanimous consent. | 10:30AM 02/16/2023<br>Third Reading<br>Senate Floor |
| Relating to correction of erroneous material in Oregon law.<br>Makes nonsubstantive and technical changes in Oregon law.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                     |
| <a href="#">SB 496</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 02/09/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.<br>02/09/23 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)<br>02/08/23 - Work Session held.                                       |                                                     |
| Relating to assisting vulnerable populations with pets; declaring an emergency.<br>Amends allowable purposes of Emergency Housing Account to include account moneys to be used for grants to assist companion animals of individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                     |
| <a href="#">SB 518</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 01/11/23 - Referred to Education.<br>01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.                                                                                                                                                 |                                                     |
| Relating to requirements for employing workers under qualified contracts with educational institutions; prescribing an effective date.<br>Specifies contract price at which apprentice utilization requirements apply to qualified contracts with institutions of higher education and school districts.                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                     |

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| <a href="#">SB 659</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 01/15/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs.<br>01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.                                         |                   |
| Relating to memorial highways.<br>Provides that U.S. Highway 30 in Oregon shall be known as Gold Star Families Memorial Highway.                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |
| <a href="#">SB 687</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 01/15/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs.<br>01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.                                         |                   |
| Relating to licensing disabled veterans under the wildlife laws; prescribing an effective date.<br>Eliminates six-month residency requirement for issuance of angling or shellfish license to qualifying disabled veteran.                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |
| <a href="#">SB 5538</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 02/02/23 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Transportation and Economic Development.<br>02/02/23 - Referred to Ways and Means.<br>02/02/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk. |                   |
| Relating to the financial administration of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; declaring an emergency.<br>Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Veterans' Affairs for certain biennial expenses.                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |
| <a href="#">SJR 17</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 01/13/23 - Referred to Finance and Revenue.<br>01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.                                                                               |                   |
| Proposing amendment to Oregon Constitution relating to a property tax relief program for owner-occupied principal dwellings of certain seniors.<br>Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution directing Legislative Assembly to enact property tax relief program for owner-occupied principal dwellings of certain seniors. |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |