

2023 Legislative Session Veteran Bill Digest

Report Date: January 27, 2023

Bill Number	Last Three Actions	Upcoming Hearings
HB 2146	01/26/23 - Work Session held. 01/19/23 - Public Hearing held. 01/12/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans.	
Relating to Gold Star Families memorial highway. 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.		
HB 2147	01/19/23 - Public Hearing held. 01/12/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to veterans. Directs governing body of each county to designate person to ensure interment of unclaimed human remains of veteran or survivor of veteran.		
HB 2271	01/11/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program. Makes Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program permanent.		
HB 2273	01/11/23 - Referred to Behavioral Health and Health Care. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to Oregon State Hospital. Updates outdated terminology related to Oregon State Hospital.		
HB 2295	01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to veteran-owned businesses; prescribing an effective date. Broadens public contracting preference for businesses that service-disabled veterans own to include all veteran-owned businesses.		
HB 2419	01/11/23 - Referred to Economic Development and Small Business with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to linked deposit program. 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.		
HB 2456	01/31/23 - Public Hearing scheduled. 01/16/23 - Referred to Housing and Homelessness. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	8:00AM 01/31/2023 House Committee Housing and Homelessness Public Hearing HR F
Relating to youth experiencing homelessness; declaring an emergency. Modifies emergency housing assistance program and state homeless assistance program to provide services and assistance to school-aged children experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.		

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HB 2462	01/11/23 - Referred to Behavioral Health and Health Care with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to behavioral health clinics. Establishes certified community behavioral health clinic program in Oregon Health Authority.		
HB 2615	01/26/23 - Public Hearing held. 01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to participation in Oregon Promise program by veterans. Allows veterans to participate in Oregon Promise program if first enrolled in classes within 12 months after discharge from military.		
HB 2629	01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Tax Expenditures. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to tax exemption for the property of veterans; prescribing an effective date. Lowers disability threshold for property tax exemption for homestead or personal property of veterans to 10 percent.		
HB 2649	01/16/23 - Referred to Business and Labor. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to workforce requirements; prescribing an effective date. 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.		
HB 2789	01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to licensure portability for military families. Requires Oregon Military Department to study licensure portability for military families.		
HB 2829	01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to veterans' courts. Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement grant program to provide funding to Oregon counties for veterans' courts.		
HB 2840	01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to veterans' recognition registration plates. 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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HB 3000	01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to transportation; declaring an emergency. 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.		
HB 3001	01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to Gold Star Family members. 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.		
HB 3083	01/20/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/17/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to employment preference for veterans. Removes requirement that public employer give preference to veteran or disabled veteran who seeks promotion.		
SB 178	01/13/23 - Referred to Rules. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to tax treatment of pensions. Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to study and make recommendations for policy proposals for tax treatment of military pensions.		
SB 179	01/13/23 - Referred to Rules. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to veterans. Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to operations of department.		
SB 181	01/13/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs, then Tax Expenditures. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to military pay; prescribing an effective date. Exempts from state income tax military pay received by Oregon National Guard member while in active service of state or on state active duty.		
SB 183	01/11/23 - Referred to Education, then Ways and Means. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to the military. 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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SB 244	01/13/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to veterans' loans for acquisition of real property. Limits interest rate to no more than prime rate plus one percent for loans advanced under veterans' home and farm loan program.		
SB 249	01/13/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to employment preference for veterans. 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.		
SB 253	01/11/23 - Referred to Education. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to tuition benefits connected to disabled veterans; declaring an emergency. 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.		
SB 316	01/23/23 - Work Session held. 01/18/23 - Public Hearing held. 01/12/23 - Referred to Judiciary.	
Relating to correction of erroneous material in Oregon law. Makes nonsubstantive and technical changes in Oregon law.		
SB 496	01/25/23 - Public Hearing held. 01/12/23 - Referred to Housing and Development, then Ways and Means. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to assisting vulnerable populations with pets; declaring an emergency. Amends allowable purposes of Emergency Housing Account to include account moneys to be used for grants to assist pets of individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.		
SB 518	01/11/23 - Referred to Education. 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. Specifies contract price at which apprentice utilization requirements apply to qualified contracts with institutions of higher education and school districts.		

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SB 659	01/15/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to memorial highways. Provides that U.S. Highway 30 in Oregon shall be known as Gold Star Families Memorial Highway.		
SB 687	01/15/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 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. Eliminates six-month residency requirement for issuance of angling or shellfish license to qualifying disabled veteran.		
SJR 17	01/13/23 - Referred to Finance and Revenue. 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. Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution directing Legislative Assembly to enact property tax relief program for owner-occupied principal dwellings of certain seniors.		