

# Veterans



This Legislative Summary Report highlights Veterans policy measures that received a public hearing in a policy committee during the **2025** regular legislative session. The report is organized by subtopics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

## Veterans Subtopics:

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## Commemorations & Memorials

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| <a href="#">HB 2344</a> | ✓ | The measure directs the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to keep the World War II memorial at the Capitol Mall in Salem up to date with names of service members meeting specified criteria and improvements approved by the ODVA director. It requires the ODVA director to add and maintain an educational tool providing historical context on World War II and service members and civilians who served. |
| <a href="#">HB 2386</a> | ✓ | The measure allows the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to adopt rules to implement provisions covering unclaimed cremated remains of veterans or their spouses, dependents, or survivors. It directs veterans' remains coordinators or county veterans' service officers to carry out these duties in accordance with Department-adopted rules.  |
| <a href="#">HCR 23</a>  | ✓ | The resolution states that the Oregon Legislative Assembly recognizes and honors the sacrifice and service of Oregon civilians on Wake Island during World War II, and thanks Bonita Gilbert and Dick Tobiason for their research and preserving the memory of these civilians.   |

## Employment & Benefits

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| SB 150    | ✓ | The measure prohibits, except as applicable, compensation for preparing or advising on applications for veterans' benefits, appealing decisions on such claims, or for referring veterans to those providing these services.  |
| SB 225 A  | ✗ | The measure would have subtracted up to \$17,500 from federal taxable income for taxpayers who have reached 63 years of age before the close of the taxable year, and whose federal taxable income includes federal retirement pay or pension for service in the Armed Forces of the United States. The measure would have directed the Department of Revenue to adjust the maximum exemption for inflation.                                    |
| SB 230    | ✓ | The measure requires dental care organizations and oral health providers contracting with the Oregon Health Authority to provide oral health care to veterans and to complete an intake screening with enrollees within 60 days of their contact with the organization or provider.   |
| SB 520 A  | ✗ | The measure would have appropriated \$500,000 to Coos County and \$500,000 to Curry County for providing transportation services for veterans residing in those counties to the Roseburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center.   |
| SB 658    | ✗ | The measure would have modified interview and written notice provisions regarding employment preferences for veterans applying to civil service positions. It would have allowed jury trials and some damages for certain civil claims, and it would have directed the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop a program to investigate and provide arbitration of claims for violations of veteran employment preference provisions. |
| SB 668    | ✗ | The measure would have reduced the disability requirement for higher education tuition waivers for service members from 100 to 80 percent disabled and expanded the waiver to community colleges, vocational programs, and associate's degrees. It would have prohibited the amount of tuition waived from being reduced by specified aid, awards, grants, and scholarships.  |
| HB 2050 A | ✗ | The measure would have exempted from state income tax all retirement pay or pension received for services in the Armed Forces that is included in the taxpayer's federal taxable income for the tax year for 100 percent disabled veterans and members of a reserve component or the National Guard.  |
| HB 2341   | ✓ | The measure adds e-mail addresses to the types of contact information provided to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs when uniformed service members or veterans apply for specified benefits or programs provided by the Department of Human Services, Department of Transportation, or the Oregon Health Authority.  |



- HB 2559** ✓ The measure allows state agencies to use a summary of benefits letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs when determining eligibility for benefits or services, including the Veterans Dental Program.
- HB 3534** ✗ The measure would have modified the tuition waiver available for dependents of disabled or deceased service members and Purple Heart recipients. It would have reduced the disability requirement for service members from 100 to 80 percent disabled and expanded the waiver to community colleges and registered apprenticeship programs. It would have allowed dependents of Purple Heart recipients to qualify only if Oregon was the service member's home of record at the time of entry into active duty. It would have raised the age by which a dependent child can apply for the waiver from 23 to 25. It would have required institutions to waive fees and the cost of textbooks in addition to tuition.
- Note:** This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Education.
- HB 3920** ✓ The measure modifies the Veterans' Dependent Tuition Waiver. It raises the age by which a dependent child can apply for the waiver from 23 to 31, removes the requirement that qualified students apply for a master's degree within 12 months of receiving a baccalaureate degree to receive a tuition waiver for a master's degree, and allows an exemption to the age limit for anyone qualifying for the federal Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program.

## Housing

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- SB 387** ✗ The measure would have increased property tax breaks for disabled veterans and unmarried surviving spouses of veterans and modified eligibility for those tax breaks.
- SB 676** ✗ The measure would have limited the interest rate for specified prior loans assumed by veterans and for both fixed and variable interest rate home or farm acquisition loans to veteran applicants. It would have appropriated \$40 million for qualified veterans' home and farm loans.
- HB 2846** ✗ The measure would have created a loan guarantee program for qualified veterans for the purpose of refinancing home mortgages in the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- Note:** The measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Housing, Development, and Homelessness.



## Military

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| SB 801   | ✓ | The measure increases, from one to two, the number of Assistant Adjutant Generals the Adjutant General may appoint from the Air National Guard of Oregon and clarifies that an Acting Adjutant General shall give to the state a fidelity bond within 30 days of assuming the duties of the office.  |
| SB 803   | ✓ | The measure allows the Adjutant General to make efforts to make the state-sponsored life insurance program offered through the Oregon National Guard Association available to all Oregon National Guard (ONG) members; provides opportunities for ONG members to purchase state-sponsored life insurance products; and allows representatives from the state-sponsored life insurance program to provide information to ONG members. |
| SB 806   | ✓ | The measure allows the Civil Air Patrol to use an armory or other military facility for official business at no cost, provided it does not interfere with members or units of the organized militia stationed there, and provided it is approved by the officer in charge and by military superiors.   |
| SB 807   | ✓ | The measure allows the Adjutant General to pay a bonus to members of the Oregon National Guard who reenlist or extend their period of service for at least three years and agree to any other conditions required by the Adjutant General. The bonus must be repaid if the member fails to complete the agreed-upon conditions or period of service; exceptions may be granted in specified circumstances.                           |
| SB 808   | ✓ | The measure adds current and former members of the Oregon National Guard to existing hiring preferences for veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States applying to, or seeking promotion in, civil service positions.   |
| SB 947 A | ✗ | The measure would have replaced “organized militia” with “National Guard” in statute. It would have removed “unorganized militia” and references to that term from statute and replaced it with “general public” in statute relating to the draft and removed references to misdemeanors for failing to report for the draft and for hindering National Guard military duties.   |
| HB 2860  | ✗ | The measure would have required the Oregon Military Department to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to the operations of the department.   |

**Note:** Provisions of this bill enacted as part of [HB 3968](#).



- HB 3954 A** ✗ The measure would have prohibited the Adjutant General from assisting, facilitating, communicating, or allowing communication between the U.S. Department of Defense, or any branch thereof, and individual service members or units of the Oregon National Guard, for the purpose of calling the individual or unit into active service unless the active service is for specified purposes. It also would have prohibited the Adjutant General from allowing an individual or unit of the Oregon National Guard to be called into active service if that call results in the Oregon National Guard being incapable of responding to a statewide emergency.
- Note:** This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on General Government and Elections.
- HB 3968** ✓ The measure adds the U.S. Space Force to Oregon statutes that name the other U.S. armed forces.
- Note:** This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on General Government and Elections.

## Omnibus

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- HB 2845 A** ✗ The measure would have created the 2025 Oregon Veterans' Services Supplemental Investments Initiative.

## Veteran Healthcare & Other Services

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- HB 2537 A** ✗ The measure would have created the Veterans Waiver Program at the Oregon Health Authority.
- HB 2538** ✗ The measure would have required the Oregon Medical Board to adopt rules requiring a physician or a physician associate to complete at least two hours every six years of continuing education on suicide risk assessment, treatment, and management.
- HB 2906** ✗ The measure would have established the Task Force on Innovative Housing Strategies for Veterans to study innovative housing strategies to provide housing for homeless and low-income veterans and veterans' families in Oregon.
- Note:** This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Report on Housing, Development, and Homelessness.



- HB 3460** ✗ The measure would have required the Oregon Health Authority to create a program to reimburse the cost of hyperbaric oxygen therapy to Oregon veterans diagnosed with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder, who are ineligible for medical assistance and have an income that is at or below 400 percent of federal poverty guidelines.
- HB 3627** ✗ The measure would have created the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund and required the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs provide grants to disabled veterans for accessibility resources at residences owned by veterans or their families.
- HB 3773** ✗ The measure would have required the Oregon Health Authority to adopt by rule, qualification criteria for veteran-specific personal health navigators to be included in the statutory definition of traditional health workers.

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