

Secretary Brocker:

Please record this vote explanation for HB 2094 for Senator Robinson.

“HB 2094 sets a dangerous precedent, allowing an agency to redefine “veteran” by rule is the start of a slippery slope. Even though the premise that a broader definition of “veteran” could potentially help more Veterans sounds great it could easily induce other changes. Who else gets to define “veteran” in the future, BOLI, DAS, individual municipalities, etc.? If ORS need to clarify definitions for “veteran” they can just reference the Federal definition of “veteran”. The statute already references federal definitions from the Department of Veterans Affairs. This bill is problematic and will eventually hurt veterans.”