

## **2015 Oregon Legislative Session**

### **List of bills that relate to Veterans Services**

Please note: These are just the bills introduced by February 13, 2015. This report will be updated and sent out as new bills become available. Full text versions of these bills are available at: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1>

<b>Bill, Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b><u>HB 2036</u></b> Huffman	Provides that U.S. Highway 395 shall be known as World War I Veterans Memorial Highway. Provides that Interstate 5 be known as Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway and Purple Heart Trail. Provides that U.S. Highway 101 shall be known as Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway.	1/16: Referred to Vets and Emer. Preparedness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means 2/5: Public Hearing 2/10: Work Session, Rec: Do pass and subsequent referral to Ways and Means rescinded
<b><u>HB 2230</u></b> Nathanson	Requires Director of Oregon Health Authority to notify Director of Veterans Affairs upon receipt of certain written information from member or veteran of uniformed service, if authorized to do so by member or veteran. Restricts notification to name and address of member or veteran.	1/16: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness 2/12: Public Hearing 2/19: Work Session
<b><u>HB 2539</u></b> Witt	Directs Department of Veterans Affairs to submit report related to delivery and usage of medical services by women veterans to interim legislative committees no later than July 1, 2016.	1/16: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness
<b><u>HB 2645</u></b> Witt	Requires community colleges and public universities to establish priority enrollment systems for qualified students who are active members of Armed Forces of the United States or qualified veterans.	1/16: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development 2/5: Public Hearing 2/10: Work Session; Rec: Do

		pass with amendments and referred to Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Dev
<b><u>HB 2658</u></b> Olson	Permits Department of Transportation to issue veterans recognition registration plate to Gold Star Family member who is sibling of person who was killed in action in armed conflict while serving in Armed Forces of US.	1/16: Referred to Transportation and Economic Development 2/18: Public Hearing
<b><u>HB 2691</u></b> Gomberg	Establishes Task Force on Procuring Through Business Enterprises Owned or Operated by Disabled Veterans. Requires task force to study extent to which contracting agencies award public contracts to business enterprises that disabled veterans own or operate, to categorize types of public contracts that contracting agencies typically award to business enterprises that disabled veterans own or operate, to evaluate extent to which large procurements for goods and services could be feasibly broken into smaller procurements and to recommend incentives to induce contracting agencies to award public contracts to business enterprises that disabled veterans own or operate.	1/16: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness, then Ways and Means
<b><u>HB 2763</u></b> Fagan, Monnes Anderson, Boquist, Evans	Removes provision that public officer or employee who leaves position to perform military duty may not, while performing military duty, receive amount of pay entitled to before leave of absence. Permits state, county, municipality or political subdivision to establish program that allows public officer or employee to receive pay that supplements and exceeds compensation received for performing military duty, not to exceed base salary before leave of absence. (House version of SB 531)	1/16: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness 2/10: Public Hearing 2/12: Work Session
<b><u>HB 2793</u></b> Parrish	Directs Department of Veterans Affairs and county veterans service officers to provide aid and assistance to Korean Vietnam War veteran to obtain health care coverage and services and, upon determination that veteran is not eligible for health care coverage and services under federal and state laws, to implement program to provide such coverage and services.	1/16: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

<p><b><u>HB 2838</u></b> Evans</p>	<p>Establishes Oregon Incarcerated Veterans Outreach Program in Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct outreach and provide assistance to incarcerated veterans and spouses and dependents of incarcerated veterans. Creates Oregon Incarcerated Veterans Outreach Program Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to department to implement and operate program. Requires department to report to interim legislative committees on or before July 1, 2020, regarding program.</p>	<p>2/5: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means</p>
<p><b><u>HB 2839</u></b> Evans</p>	<p>Allows credit against income taxes for employment of qualified military veterans. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2021. Takes effect on 91<sup>st</sup> day following adjournment sine die.</p>	<p>2/5: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means</p>
<p><b><u>HB 2840</u></b> Evans</p>	<p>Establishes Oregon Educational and Workforce Development Bridge Loan Program in Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct outreach and provide loans to veterans and disabled veterans who are enrolled in approved course of study, approved professional training or approved workforce development program in connection with institution of higher education, and who are eligible to receive federal educational aid or other financial assistance that is temporarily unavailable. Authorizes Director of Veterans Affairs to use moneys in Veterans' Educational Aid Account for purposes of program.</p>	<p>2/5: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means</p>
<p><b><u>HB 2892</u></b> Esquivel, Evans, Whisnant, Witt</p>	<p>Requires that National League of Families' POW/MIA flag be displayed with Oregon State flag on public buildings in this state.</p>	<p>2/11: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness</p>
<p><b><u>HB 2897</u></b> Evans</p>	<p>Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop program under which department, pursuant to contracts with credit unions, provides loan guarantees or credit guarantees for qualified veterans for purpose of refinancing existing purchase-money mortgages or similar mortgages of homes used primarily as principal residence by veterans. Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop program under which department, pursuant to contracts with credit unions, provides loan guarantees or credit guarantees for qualified veterans for</p>	

	purposes of refinancing existing purchase-money mortgages or similar mortgages of homes used primarily as principal residence by veterans. Establishes Veterans Refinancing and Reintegration Services Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys to department.	
<b><u>HB 2899</u></b> Evans	Allocates lottery moneys to further economic development by assisting veterans to apply for federal and state veterans' benefits and aid. Establishes Veterans' Benefit Economic Development Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Veterans' Affairs for purposes of Act. Sunsets June 30, 2025. (\$10million deposited in fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015.)	
<b><u>HB 5032</u></b> Agency bill (DAS)	Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Military Department for certain biennial expenses. Limits biennial expenditures from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and feeder service agreement reimbursements, but excluding lottery funds and other federal funds, collected or received by department for certain purposes. Limits biennial expenditures by department from federal funds for certain purposes.	1/16: Referred to Ways and Means 1/29: Assigned to Subcommittee on Public Safety 2/10: Public hearing 2/11: Public Hearing 2/12: Public Hearing scheduled 2/16: Public Hearing scheduled
<b><u>HJR 9</u></b> Parrish	Urges Congress to recognize presumption of service connection for Blue Water Vietnam War veterans exposed to Agent Orange.	1/16: Referred to Revenue with subsequent referral to Rules
<b><u>SB 54</u></b> Committee: Finance and Revenue	Extends sunset for tax credit for provision of medical care to residents of Oregon Veterans' Home.	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness, then Tax Credits 2/10: Public Hearing
<b><u>SB 87</u></b> Committee: Veterans and Emergency	Modifies law regarding requirement that public employer grant preference to veteran and disabled veteran in selection process for competitive position. Requires public employer to use either tested and scored selection process or	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness 3/17: Public Hearing Scheduled

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<b><u>SB 88</u></b> Committee: Veterans and Emergency Preparedness	Excludes veterans disability benefits from calculation of spousal support awards in family law proceedings.	1/20: Referred to Judiciary
<b><u>SB 89</u></b> Committee: Veterans and Emergency Preparedness	Directs Department of Veterans Affairs to submit report to interim legislative committees, no later than July 1, 2016, regarding delivery of veterans services.	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness
<b><u>SB 90</u></b> Committee: Veterans and Emergency Preparedness	Directs Department of Veterans Affairs to submit report to interim legislative committees, no later than July 1, 2016, regarding delivery of veterans services.	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness
<b><u>SB 91</u></b> Committee: Veterans and Emergency Preparedness	Directs Oregon Military Department to submit report to interim legislative committees, no later than July 1, 2016, regarding implementation of Oregon Code of Military Justice.	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness
<b><u>SB 92</u></b> Committee: Veterans and Emergency Preparedness	Directs State Board of Education to develop data collection standards for school districts to collect data on students from military families.	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness 3/10: Public Hearing Scheduled
<b><u>SB 97</u></b> Committee: Veterans and Emergency	Requires reinstatement of home and community-based services for child of military service member upon child's return to the state after temporary absence due to parent's military obligation.	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness 3/10: Public Hearing Scheduled

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<b><u>SB 157</u></b> Monnes Anderson, Boquist	Directs Department of Veterans Affairs to submit report to interim legislative committees, no later than July 1, 2016, regarding implementation of veterans and service members' specialty treatment courts.	1/16: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness 2/3: Public Hearing
<b><u>SB 250</u></b> Agency bill (ODVA)	Repeals outdated statutes. Makes provision of financial aid to beneficiaries permissive. Amends outdated language regarding World War II memorial. Clarifies definition of "disabled veteran".	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Employee Preparedness 3/17: Public Hearing Scheduled
<b><u>SB 251</u></b> Agency bill (ODVA)	Clarifies Department of Veterans Affairs' status and authority as fiduciary and representative payee appointed by the US Department of Veterans Affairs and the US Social Security Administration.	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness 3/24: Public Hearing Scheduled
<b><u>SB 252</u></b> Agency bill (ODVA)	Exempts Department of Veterans Affairs from requirement to request or participate in resolution conference in connection with foreclosure of residential trust deed when department is acting in capacity as beneficiary of loan made by department pursuant to statute. Exempts department from requirement to give notice of ineligibility for foreclosure avoidance measure or of failure to comply with terms of foreclosure avoidance measure when department is acting in capacity as beneficiary of loan made by department pursuant to statute.	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness 3/24: Public Hearing Scheduled
<b><u>SB 253</u></b> Agency bill (ODVA)	Exempts personally identifiable and contact information of veterans and persons serving on active duty or as reserve members with Armed Forces of the US, National Guard or other reserve component from disclosure as public records when information was obtained by Department of Veterans Affairs in performance of department duties and functions.	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness 3/24: Public Hearing Scheduled
<b><u>SB 434</u></b> Olsen	Grants higher property tax exemption on property of veterans with service-connected disabilities of 100 percent. Grants exemption for surviving spouse of veteran who, after age of 56 years, remarries for first time after death of veteran.	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness, then Finance and Revenue 2/17: Public Hearing Scheduled

<b><u>SB 494</u></b> Bates	Permits person stationed outside of Oregon while serving in active duty military service to renew or replace driver license or driver permit without photograph if Department of Transportation does not have acceptable photograph on file.	1/20: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness 2/24: Public Hearing Scheduled
<b><u>SB 517</u></b> Knopp, Buehler, Whisnant	Establishes free resident uniformed services appreciation hunting and angling licenses for persons who are residents of state and who are members of uniformed services.	2/3: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness, then Ways and Means 2/17: Public Hearing Scheduled
<b><u>SB 531</u></b> Girod, Boquist	Removes provision that public officer or employee who leaves position to perform military duty may not, while performing military duty, receive amount of pay entitled to before leave of absence. Permits state, county, municipality or political subdivision to establish program that allows public officer or employee to receive pay that supplements and exceeds compensation received for performing military duty, not to exceed base salary before leave of absence. (Senate version of HB 2763).	2/3: Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness 2/24: Public Hearing Scheduled
<b><u>SB 638</u></b> Knopp, Boquist	Authorizes county governing bodies to appoint county volunteer veterans' ombudsmen to provide support services and assistance to veterans and their spouses, dependents and survivors that are not provided by county veterans' service officers.	
<b><u>SB 5539</u></b> Agency bill (ODVA)	Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Veterans' Affairs for certain biennial expenses.	1/20: Referred to Ways and Means 1/29: Assigned to Subcomm. on Transportation and Economic Development