



April 21, 2009

Task Force Participants:

Here is a list of Task Force bills as well as legislation that supports our recommendations.

Task Force Bills

- HB 2178 Provides support for VSOs on community colleges and public universities
** Passed out of House Vets: in Ways & Means*
- HB 2179 Provides tuition equity for veterans - folded into HB 2571 (Rep Edwards/Matthews)
- HB 2303 Expands financial protections for deployed service members
** Passed House: Passed Senate Judiciary Committee*
- HB 2482 Requires all public agencies outreach for veterans' services (Rep Clem) - folded into HB 3104
- HB 2510 Deletes 15-year limit on veterans' use of preference in public hiring (Rep Whisnant)
- HB 2718 Establishes interim task force on women veterans' issues (Rep Gelser/Sen Johnson)
- HB 2762 Establishes May 8th as Oregon Military Families Appreciation Day
** Passed House: Scheduled for Senate Vets*
- HB 3020 Makes knowingly taking advantage of disabled veteran, service member, or spouse an unconscionable tactic and unlawful trade practice
- HB 3104 Requires all public agencies outreach for veterans' services (Rep Nathanson)
** Builds upon Executive Order 09-03: work group assigned*
- HB 3470 Defines "veteran" through statute for section 3, Article XI-A of Oregon Constitution as expansion of eligibility for Oregon War Veterans' Fund (Rep Cowan)
- HJM 2 Urges Congress to enact legislation assisting veterans' employment
** Passed House/Senate - on file with Secretary of State*
- HJM 3 Urges Congress to increase eligibility/funds for "fee-basis" payments for veterans' health care
** Passed House: on Senate President's desk*
- HJM 4 Urges Congress to establish "90 day soft-landing" program for coordinated transition from active duty to drill status National Guard/Reservists
** Passed House/Senate - on file with Secretary of State*

- HJM 12 Urges Congress to enact differential transportation reimbursement for states with significant remote/rural area challenges (Rep Barton)
- HJM 21 Urges Congress to change funding from discretionary to permanent/direct entitlement (Rep Esquivel)
- HJR 3 Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution for expanded eligibility for OWVF - folded into HJR 7
- HJR 7 Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution for expanded eligibility for OWVF
* *Passed House Vets: Revenue then Rules*
- SB 96 Revises and simplifies terminology describing veterans - 1 definition
* *Signed into law by Governor Kulongoski*
- SB 97 Allows ODVA to procure and provide loan cancellation life insurance
* *Signed into law by Governor Kulongoski*
- SB 98 Establishes interim task force on veterans' transportation
- SB 618 Protects military discharge records from accidental disclosure
- SB 700 Establishes interim task force on reintegration - builds upon existing programming (Sen Schrader)
- SB 725 Establishes interim task force on women veterans' issues (Sen Johnson/Rep Gelser) - folded into HB 2718
- SJM 1 Urges Congress to allow Oregon veterans to obtain state home loans at any time after veterans' separation from service
* *Passed Senate/House - on file with Secretary of State*
- SJM 2 Urges Congress to enact legislation creating statewide transportation system for veterans to/from medical care
- SJM 3 Urges Congress to enact legislation providing complete health care (all categories) for honorably discharged veterans
* *Passed Senate/House - on file with Secretary of State*

This is the most current list of task force legislation and its status. Please note, this week (April 20-24, 2009) is a busy week for our legislation. By the time you receive this letter it is very likely that several bills will have cleared their respective committees - and possibly the floor. It should also be recognized that there are several other bills introduced to assist veterans that we have not included in this list because the concept does not specifically address the 39 recommendations submitted.