



2014 Oregon Veteran Legislative Bill Summary

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An Introduction to the 2014 Oregon Legislative Bill Summary

Starting with the 2014 Regular Session, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) will publish the Oregon Veteran Legislative Bill Summary. This is a new approach to how the department will communicate legislative activity that impacts veterans and incorporates the state legislature's new online bill tracking tool – the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

OLIS provides all citizens in-depth and timely information to track bills introduced in the 2014 Regular Session. This resource promotes a 360 degree approach to civic engagement by connecting users to live hearings, providing hearing materials, committee information, vote counts, and much more.

On the following pages, you will find a brief OLIS user guide and tips to help get you started and the 2014 Oregon Legislative Bill Summary. For your convenience, the publication provides a direct link to OLIS for each bill listed within the summary. As new bills are introduced, ODVA will publish updated summaries through our [eSubscribe system](#) under the State Veteran Legislation category.



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2014 Regular Legislative Session

Regular meetings of the 2014 session run from February 3 through March 9, 2014. Because of the short duration of this session, bills are scheduled and move very quickly. To follow the progress of bills, please be sure to read the OLIS User Guide and Tips within this document.

Below is information about the 2014 Veteran committees. Most veteran policy related bills begin in either of these committees. We have included links to the committee sites as well as links to the individual legislators. All hearings can be viewed through the OLIS system at the regular scheduled time and audio recordings are also archived for later listening.

2014 Veteran Committees

House Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness Committee

Regular Meeting Schedule for 2014 Session: Tuesday and Thursday @ 1:00 p.m., HR E
[Visit the Committee Web Page](#)

Chair [Representative Greg Matthews](#)
Vice-Chair [Representative Shemia Fagan](#)
Vice-Chair [Representative Julie Parrish](#)
Member [Representative Deborah Boone](#)
Member [Representative Sal Esquivel](#)
Member [Representative John Huffman](#)
Member [Representative Brad Witt](#)

Senate Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee

Regular Meeting Schedule for 2014 Session: Wednesday @ 1:00 p.m., HR B
[Visit the Committee Web Page](#)

Chair [Senator Brian Boquist](#)
Vice-Chair [Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson](#)
Member [Senator Peter Courtney](#)
Member [Senator Alan Olsen](#)

Instant Access to Timely Bill Information

The Oregon Legislature has launched the new Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS) which provides all citizens in-depth and timely information to actively track bills introduced for the 2014 Regular Session. This resource promotes a 360 degree approach to civic engagement by connecting users to live hearings, providing hearing materials, committee information, vote counts, and much more.

OLIS is the legislative tracking tool used by ODVA and is now available to all veterans and citizens.

Follow and Track Bills on OLIS

- Go to www.oregonlegislature.gov
- Click the “OLIS” icon
- Click the “Bills” icon
- Enter the bill number that you are seeking
- An overview of the bill will be on the landing page. On this page you can:
 - Read the text of a bill
 - View meeting materials
 - Read amendments
 - See what Chamber and Committee the bill is in
 - Link to the Committee page
 - Read the measure history
 - Learn the current status of the bill
 - See the next scheduled hearing

Sign Up for a Committee Agenda’s

- Go to www.oregonlegislature.gov
- Click on the [eSubscribe](#) icon in the lower blue footer area
- Enter your email address and select the committee you would like to receive agenda’s from
- Veteran Committee agendas ensure timely notice of all hearings and next actions on veterans’ bills

Helpful Tools

In Oregon’s representative form of government, the legislature is integral to the process of proposing, deliberating and setting public policy. In order for this process to work, citizens must be engaged.

The OLIS site offers a multitude of resources available to assist citizens in engaging in the legislative process. Below are some helpful links found on the Citizen Engagement page of the OLIS website (www.oregonlegislature.gov).

- [Watch live video](#) committee hearings from your PC or mobile device
- [Learn how to testify](#) to a legislative committee
- How to [submit testimony](#) and committee exhibits
- Learn how an [idea becomes a law](#)
- [Access a glossary](#) of legislative terms and definitions
- Learn about the different [types of measures](#)
- [Listen to archived audio](#) from previous committee hearings
- [Watch Informational videos](#) to learn about the legislative process
- Read about the [legislative process](#)
- For reference assistance, questions about the legislature, legislative process, or government agencies, please email help.leg@state.or.us, or call 503-986-1668

The Oregon Veteran Legislative Bill Summary provides a high-level brief on the 2014 Regular Legislative Session bills that ODVA has identified as having an impact on Oregon veterans. As new bills are introduced, ODVA will publish updated summaries through ODVA's [eSubscribe system](#) under the State Veteran Legislation category.

To learn more about any of the following bills, please click the bill number which is linked to the bill on OLIS. For more information about tracking bills using OLIS, please read the ***Follow and Track Bills on OLIS*** section of this document.

HB 4021

Instate Tuition for Nonresident Graduate Students

Directs public universities to charge a nonresident veteran, who is graduate student, instate rates for tuition and fees. Veteran must have honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions and provide proof of physical presence in Oregon within 12 months of enrollment.

HB 4023

Community College Programs for Veteran Education and Training Opportunities

Directs Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to establish program to provide or facilitate education, training and economic opportunities that benefit veterans.

UPDATE: The original provision of HB 4023 (above) has been eliminated and replaced with the following:

Designate Part of Hwy 26 as Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway

Names a portion of U.S. Highway 26 within the boundaries of the Warm Springs Reservation in their honor, the "Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Highway.

Discount fee for medical marijuana card for 100% service connected disabled veterans

Veterans who have received a disability rating of 100 percent from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is eligible for a reduced fee associated with medical marijuana cards through the Oregon Health Authority.

HB 4024

Civil Service Interviews for Veterans

Authorizes Bureau of Labor and Industries to write rules on interviews for veterans for civil service positions or an eligibility list.

HB 4035

Clarification of ORVET Home Loan Limit

Clarifies that the loan limitation for Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs home and farm loans is for each loan.

HB 4057

Professional Licensing Provisions for Veterans

Requires certain boards and agencies to report to the Legislature regarding the implementation of new requirements to accept substantially equivalent military training or experience for certain education, experience or training requirements in order to obtain a license, certificate or other authorization to practice profession.

HB 4091

Private Employers Veterans Preference

Authorizes preference in hiring and promotions for employees of private employers who have served in uniformed services and for spouses of such employees under certain circumstances.

SB 1505

Exclusion of Veteran's Disability Benefits For Spousal Support

Excludes veterans disability benefits from the calculation of spousal support awards in family law proceedings.

SCR 204

Senate Concurrent Resolution to Honor Major General Raymond F. Rees

Honors Major General Raymond F. Rees for his distinguished career and service to his state and country.