

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS & EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**March 17, 2009  
1:00 P.M.**

**Hearing Room D**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**      **Rep. Jean Cowan, Chair**  
                                 **Rep. Greg Matthews, Vice-Chair**  
                                 **Rep. Tim Freeman, Vice-Chair**  
                                 **Rep. Debbie Boone**  
                                 **Rep. Sal Esquivel**  
                                 **Rep. Betty Komp**  
                                 **Rep. Chuck Riley**  
                                 **Rep. Jim Weidner**

**STAFF PRESENT:**            **David Molina, Committee Administrator**  
                                 **Debbie Nealy, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**   **HB 2510 – Public Hearing**  
   **HB 2744 – Public Hearing**  
   **HB 2178 -- Public Hearing and Work Session**

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## **HVES**

**3/17/2009 1:06:46 PM**

**1:06:53 PM** Chair Cowan  
**1:06:55 PM** Meeting Called to Order  
**1:07:12 PM** HB 2510-Public Hearing  
**1:07:16 PM** David Molina, Committee Administrator  
**1:07:18 PM** Chair Cowan  
**1:07:49 PM** Rep. Whisnant, House District 53  
**1:09:24 PM** Chair Cowan  
**1:09:25 PM** Jay Hall, intern for Rep. Whisnant, House District 53  
**1:10:16 PM** Rep. Whisnant  
**1:11:01 PM** Chair Cowan  
**1:11:05 PM** Rep. Boone  
**1:11:27 PM** Chair Cowan  
**1:11:30 PM** Rep. Boone  
**1:11:32 PM** Rep. Riley  
**1:11:35 PM** Chair Cowan  
**1:11:37 PM** Rep. Boone  
**1:11:39 PM** Chair Cowan  
**1:11:43 PM** Rep. Weidner  
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**1:12:03 PM** Rep. Whisnant  
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**1:12:15 PM** Rep. Whisnant  
**1:13:06 PM** Rep. Boone  
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**1:13:15 PM** Rep. Whisnant  
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**1:13:39 PM** Rep. Whisnant  
**1:13:40 PM** Hall  
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1:16:00 PM Chair Cowan  
1:16:25 PM Brig. Gen. Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military  
Department  
1:18:28 PM Caldwell  
1:19:47 PM Chair Cowan  
1:19:48 PM Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs  
1:20:00 PM {Exhibit} 1: Willis  
1:23:49 PM Chair Cowan  
1:24:44 PM Willis  
1:25:18 PM Caldwell  
1:26:22 PM Chair Cowan  
1:26:51 PM Willis  
1:27:26 PM Caldwell  
1:27:58 PM Chair Cowan  
1:28:17 PM Caldwell  
1:28:27 PM Chair Cowan  
1:28:38 PM Willis  
1:28:42 PM Chair Cowan  
1:28:59 PM Bob Estabrook, Board of Labor and Industries (BOLI)  
1:28:59 PM {Exhibit} 2: Eastbrook  
1:32:59 PM Chair Cowan  
1:33:01 PM Rep. Riley  
1:33:19 PM Estabrook  
1:33:53 PM Chair Cowan  
1:33:54 PM Rep. Riley  
1:34:04 PM Estabrook  
1:34:22 PM Rep. Riley  
1:34:28 PM Chair Cowan  
1:34:35 PM Estabrook  
1:34:42 PM Chair Cowan  
1:34:48 PM Estabrook  
1:34:51 PM Chair Cowan  
1:34:56 PM Estabrook  
1:35:12 PM Chair Cowan  
1:35:44 PM Jim Booker, member, Governor's Task Force on Veterans' Affairs  
1:35:44 PM {Exhibit} 3: Booker  
1:39:43 PM Chair Cowan  
1:39:48 PM Mac MacDonald, United Veterans' of Oregon  
1:40:26 PM Chair Cowan  
1:40:45 PM HB 2744-Public Hearing  
1:40:52 PM David Molina, Committee Administrator  
1:41:21 PM Chair Cowan

**1:41:28 PM** Rep. Esquivel, House District 26  
**1:41:32 PM** {Exhibit} 4: Rep. Esquivel  
**1:49:41 PM** Chair Cowan  
**1:49:47 PM** Vice-Chair Matthews  
**1:50:11 PM** Chair Cowan  
**1:50:13 PM** Rep. Esquivel  
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**1:50:30 PM** Brig. Gen. Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military  
Department  
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**1:55:35 PM** Chair Cowan  
**1:55:59 PM** J. L. Wilson, Associated Oregon Industries  
**1:59:23 PM** Chair Cowan  
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**2:01:59 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:02:21 PM** Wilson  
**2:02:25 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:02:43 PM** HB 2178-Public Hearing  
**2:03:06 PM** David Molina, Committee Administrator  
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**2:04:39 PM** Robert Thornhill, veteran  
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**2:19:48 PM** Jacob Meeks, veteran and founder of Student Veterans Association, Portland State University  
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**2:19:55 PM** Meeks  
**2:25:55 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:25:59 PM** Daniel McKinlay, President, Student Veterans Association, Portland State University  
**2:26:43 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:26:48 PM** Jesse Cornett, Government Relations Director, Portland State University  
**2:29:12 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:29:15 PM** Rep. Boone  
**2:30:53 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:31:21 PM** Paul Evans, Policy Advisor for Governor Kulongoski, Veterans' and Emergency Management  
**2:34:46 PM** Evans  
**2:34:58 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:35:04 PM** HB 2178-Work Session  
**2:35:57 PM** Rep. Boone  
**2:36:04 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:36:07 PM** Rep. Esquivel  
**2:37:19 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:37:26 PM** MOTION: Rep. Weidner moves -1 amendments  
**2:37:36 PM** Chair Cowan

**2:37:36 PM** VOTE: 7-0-1  
**2:37:36 PM** Ayes: Reps. Boone, Esquivel, Riley, Weidner, Freeman, Matthews, Chair Cowan; Excused: Rep. Komp  
**2:37:55 PM** MOTION: Rep. Weidner moves HB 2718 DO PASS as AMENDED & REFER to Ways and Means  
**2:38:07 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:38:25 PM** Rep. Esquivel  
**2:38:28 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:38:45 PM** Rep. Weidner  
**2:38:46 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:38:48 PM** VOTE: 7-0-1  
**2:38:48 PM** Ayes: Reps. Boone, Esquivel, Riley, Weidner, Freeman, Matthews, Chair Cowan; Excused: Rep. Komp  
**2:39:02 PM** Chair Cowan  
**2:39:14 PM** Meeting Adjourned

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  - 1:41:32 PM** {Exhibit} 4: HB 2744, written testimony, Stacey Bannerman, 4 pp
  - 2:03:06 PM** {Exhibit} 5: HB 2178, -1 amendments, Staff, 1 p
  - 2:04:39 PM** {Exhibit} 6: HB 2178, written testimony, Robert Thornhill, 23 pp
  - 2:19:48 PM** {Exhibit} 7: HB 2178, PSU/ODVA Student Veterans Services Pilot Project Mid-Point Review, Jacob Meeks, 2 pp
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