

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS & EMERGENCY SERVICES

**March 24, 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. Chuck Riley
 Rep. Jim Weidner

MEMBERS EXCUSED: **Rep. Betty Komp**

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

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD: **HB 2035- Public Hearing**
 Update on New GI Bill – Informational Hearing
 HB 2035 – Public Hearing
 HB 2571 – Public Hearing and Work Session

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1:07:32 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Cowan
1:07:53 PM Sen. Mark Hass, Senate District 14
1:07:54 PM Chair Cowan
1:08:10 PM Sen. Hass
1:08:11 PM Chair Cowan
1:08:12 PM Sen. Hass
1:08:15 PM Chair Cowan
1:08:26 PM HB 2035 - Public Hearing
1:08:33 PM Sen. Mark Hass, Senate District 14
1:11:17 PM Chair Cowan
1:11:37 PM Sen. Hass
1:11:38 PM Chair Cowan
1:11:42 PM Sen. Hass
1:11:50 PM Chair Cowan
1:12:06 PM Sen. Hass
1:12:07 PM Chair Cowan
1:12:23 PM Update on the New GI Bill - Informational Meeting
1:12:48 PM Matthew Boulay, Director, Fund for Veterans' Education
1:12:48 PM {Exhibit} 1: Boulay
1:12:49 PM Chair Cowan
1:12:50 PM Boulay
1:24:26 PM Chair Cowan
1:24:33 PM Rep. Esquivel
1:25:39 PM Boulay
1:26:16 PM Chair Cowan
1:26:20 PM Boulay
1:26:34 PM Chair Cowan
1:26:39 PM Rep. Esquivel
1:26:47 PM Boulay
1:26:50 PM Rep. Esquivel
1:26:53 PM Boulay
1:26:59 PM Rep. Esquivel
1:27:29 PM Boulay
1:27:54 PM Rep. Esquivel
1:27:58 PM Chair Cowan
1:28:00 PM Rep. Esquivel
1:28:02 PM Chair Cowan
1:28:07 PM Boulay
1:28:45 PM Rep. Esquivel

1:28:47 PM Chair Cowan
1:29:22 PM Boulay
1:29:24 PM Chair Cowan
1:29:33 PM {Exhibit} 2: Chair Cowan
1:29:33 PM HB 2035-Public Hearing
1:29:48 PM David Molina, Committee Administrator
1:30:26 PM Chair Cowan
1:30:32 PM Molina
1:30:35 PM Chair Cowan
1:31:39 PM Joe Holliday, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Oregon University
Systems
1:31:53 PM Chair Cowan
1:31:57 PM Holliday
1:32:02 PM Chair Cowan
1:32:10 PM John Wykoff, Legislative Director, Oregon Community College
Association
1:32:10 PM {Exhibit} 3: Wykoff
1:35:40 PM Bill Thallemer, Vice-President, Student Services and Government
Relations, Linn-Benton Community College
1:39:37 PM Chair Cowan
1:39:42 PM Vice-Chair Matthews
1:40:11 PM Thallemer
1:40:36 PM Vice-Chair Matthews
1:40:37 PM Chair Cowan
1:40:38 PM Vice-Chair Matthews
1:41:06 PM Wykoff
1:41:26 PM Chair Cowan
1:41:38 PM Wykoff
1:41:40 PM Chair Cowan
1:42:18 PM Wayne Harvey, President, Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)
1:42:18 PM {Exhibit} 4: Harvey
1:45:31 PM Chair Cowan
1:45:40 PM Robert Thornhill, retired veteran
1:45:40 PM {Exhibit} 5: Thornhill
1:45:40 PM {Exhibit} 6: Thornhill
1:49:13 PM Chair Cowan
1:49:50 PM Mac MacDonald, United Veterans' of Oregon
1:50:53 PM Chair Cowan
1:50:54 PM Kevin O'Reilly, Oregon Paralyzed Veterans' of Oregon
1:58:07 PM Chair Cowan
1:58:15 PM O'Reilly
1:58:16 PM MacDonald
1:58:22 PM Chair Cowan
1:58:33 PM Greg Warnock, Executive Director, Oregon War Veterans'
Association
1:59:46 PM Chair Cowan

2:00:35 PM MacDonald
2:00:47 PM Chair Cowan
2:01:02 PM Wykoff
2:01:33 PM Chair Cowan
2:01:47 PM Wykoff
2:01:56 PM Chair Cowan
2:02:10 PM Molina
2:03:21 PM Chair Cowan
2:03:32 PM Molina
2:03:36 PM Chair Cowan
2:06:31 PM Rep. Riley
2:06:46 PM Chair Cowan
2:07:24 PM HB 2571-Public Hearing
2:08:06 PM David Molina, Committee Administrator
2:08:06 PM {Exhibit} 7: Chair Cowan
2:08:32 PM Chair Cowan
2:08:35 PM Molina
2:08:40 PM Chair Cowan
2:08:42 PM Molina
2:09:00 PM Chair Cowan
2:09:31 PM Brig. Gen. Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military
Department
2:10:29 PM Chair Cowan
2:10:31 PM Paula Brown, Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Veterans'
Affairs
2:10:50 PM {Exhibit} 8: Brown
2:11:52 PM Chair Cowan
2:12:21 PM Tim Inman, Aide to Representative Chris Edwards, House District
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2:13:06 PM Chair Cowan
2:13:11 PM Joe Holliday, Oregon University Systems
2:13:30 PM Chair Cowan
2:13:40 PM Holliday
2:14:16 PM Chair Cowan
2:14:19 PM Holliday
2:14:20 PM Chair Cowan
2:14:23 PM Holliday
2:14:55 PM Chair Cowan
2:15:01 PM Vice-Chair Matthews
2:15:31 PM Chair Cowan
2:15:57 PM Mac MacDonald, United Veterans' of Oregon
2:16:21 PM Chair Cowan
2:16:25 PM Jonathan Sanford, student and veteran, Portland State University
2:16:25 PM {Exhibit} 9: Sanford
2:20:29 PM Jacob Meeks, former President of Student Employee Services for
Veterans, Portland Student University

2:21:49 PM Chair Cowan
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2:23:30 PM David Molina, Committee Administrator
2:23:32 PM Chair Cowan
2:23:34 PM Rep. Esquivel
2:23:38 PM Chair Cowan
2:23:44 PM Rep. Esquivel
2:23:48 PM Chair Cowan
2:23:57 PM Molina
2:23:58 PM Chair Cowan
2:24:01 PM MOTION: Vice Chair Matthews moves -3 amendments
2:24:10 PM Chair Cowan
2:24:19 PM Ayes: Boone, Esquivel, Riley, Weidner, Freeman, Matthews, Cowan; Excused: Komp
2:24:19 PM VOTE: 7-0-1
2:24:25 PM MOTION: Vice Chair Matthews moves HB 2571 DO PASS as AMENDED & REFER to Ways & Means by prior reference
2:24:35 PM Chair Cowan
2:24:36 PM Vice Chair Matthews
2:24:38 PM Chair Cowan
2:24:52 PM VOTE: 7-0-1
2:24:52 PM Ayes: Boone, Esquivel, Riley, Weidner, Freeman, Matthews, Cowan; Excused: Komp
2:25:08 PM Chair Cowan
2:25:17 PM The following written testimony was submitted for the record without public testimony:
2:25:18 PM {Exhibit} 10: Mike Ward, Commander, Department of Oregon Disabled American Veterans
2:25:18 PM Meeting Adjourned

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- 1:12:48 PM** {Exhibit} 1: Update on GI Bill, written testimony, Matthew Boulay, 8 pp
- 1:29:33 PM** {Exhibit} 2: HB 2035, -1 amendments, staff, 4 pp
- 1:32:10 PM** {Exhibit} 3: HB 2035, written testimony, John Wykoff, 1 p
- 1:42:18 PM** {Exhibit} 4: HB 2035, written testimony, Wayne Harvey, 1 p
- 1:45:40 PM** {Exhibit} 5: HB 2035, written testimony, Robert Thornhill, 4 pp
- 1:45:40 PM** {Exhibit} 6: HB 2035, summary of written testimony, Robert Thornhill, 2 pp
- 2:08:06 PM** {Exhibit} 7: HB 2571, -3 amendments, staff, 2 pp
- 2:10:50 PM** {Exhibit} 8: HB 2571, written testimony, Paula Brown, 1 p
- 2:16:25 PM** {Exhibit} 9: HB 2571, letters in support, Jonathan Sanford, 3 pp
- 2:25:18 PM** {Exhibit} 10: HB 2035, letter in support, Mike Ward, 1 p
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