

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

February 22, 2011  
1:00 pm

Hearing Room D

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Sal Esquivel, Co-Chair  
Rep. Brad Witt, Co-Chair  
Rep. Greg Matthews, Co-Vice Chair  
Rep. Julie Parrish, Co-Vice Chair  
Rep. Deborah Boone  
Rep. John Huffman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jill Petty, Committee Administrator  
Cynthia Scott, Committee Assistant

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:** HB 2402-Public Hearing  
HB 2243-Public Hearing  
HB 2919-Public Hearing  
HB 2578-Work Session  
HB 2638-Work Session

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### Recording Log

**1:06:58 PM** Meeting Called to Order by Co-Chair Witt

**1:08:44 PM** **HB 2402 - Public Hearing**

**1:08:55 PM** Jill Petty, Committee Administrator

**1:09:06 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**1:09:34 PM** {Exhibit} 1: HB 2402, Mike Burton, Chair, Legislative Task Force on Veterans' Reintegration

**1:17:09 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**1:17:20 PM** {Exhibit} 2: HB 2402, Dave Cooley, Manager, Campus Veteran Service Officer Program, Oregon Department Veterans' Affairs

**1:22:43 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**1:22:45 PM** {Exhibit} 3: Gus Bedwell, Accredited Campus Veterans' Service Officer, Oregon Department Veterans' Affairs

**1:27:18 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**1:27:21 PM** Rep. Huffman

**1:28:33 PM** Bedwell

**1:29:34 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**1:29:39 PM** Co-Vice Chair Parrish

**1:30:30 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**1:30:46 PM** Cooley

**1:31:39 PM** Burton

1:32:43 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:33:45 PM Mac McDonald, Represents United Veterans of Oregon  
1:37:31 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:38:28 PM {Exhibit} 4: Bruce Clemetsen, Vice President for Student Services, Linn  
Benton Community College  
1:40:34 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:40:41 PM Ben Price, Director, Associated Students of OSU Veteran Task Force  
1:43:34 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:43:39 PM Corey Rae, Director of Veterans and Family Student Association, Oregon  
State  
1:45:30 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:45:34 PM Rep. Boone  
1:46:52 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:46:53 PM Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
1:47:38 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:47:50 PM Rae  
1:48:13 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:48:43 PM Joe Holliday, Oregon University System  
1:49:00 PM Paul Evans, private citizen, Monmouth, Oregon  
1:51:57 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:52:06 PM Rep. Boone  
1:52:35 PM Evans  
1:52:43 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:52:45 PM Rep. Huffman  
1:52:56 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:53:05 PM Evans  
1:53:17 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:53:21 PM Holliday  
1:54:31 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:55:00 PM Blake Gordon, Past President, Veteran and Family Student Association,  
Oregon State University  
1:58:04 PM Co-Chair Witt  
1:58:07 PM {Exhibit} 5: Maria Ballard, Team Leader, Student Ambassador, Linn  
Benton Community College  
2:01:02 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:01:11 PM Rep. Boone  
2:01:14 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:01:19 PM Rep. Boone  
2:02:03 PM Co-Chair Witt  
2:02:05 PM The following written testimony is submitted for the record without public  
testimony:  
2:02:05 PM {Exhibit} 6: Tom Mann, Public Information Manager, Oregon Department  
of Veterans' Affairs  
2:02:05 PM {Exhibit} 7-8: Robert H. Thornhill, Beaverton, Oregon  
2:03:00 PM **HB 2243 - Public Hearing**

**2:03:09 PM** Jill Petty, Committee Administrator  
**2:03:28 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:03:33 PM** Rep. Greg Matthews, House District 50  
**2:08:33 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:08:37 PM** Rep. Huffman  
**2:09:24 PM** Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
**2:11:21 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:11:28 PM** Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
**2:12:35 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:12:38 PM** Co-Vice Chair Parrish  
**2:14:37 PM** Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
**2:15:58 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:16:22 PM** Keith Dubanevich, Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Attorney General, Department of Justice  
**2:18:07 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:18:28 PM** Kate Newhall, Legislative Director, Bureau of Labor and Industries  
**2:20:19 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:20:23 PM** Co-Vice Chair Parrish  
**2:21:00 PM** Newhall  
**2:21:43 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:21:44 PM** Co-Vice Chair Parrish  
**2:22:27 PM** Newhall  
**2:22:31 PM** Co-Vice Chair Parrish  
**2:22:35 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:22:37 PM** Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
**2:22:51 PM** Newhall  
**2:23:39 PM** Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
**2:23:44 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:24:10 PM** Sean Riddell, Chief Council, Oregon Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Division  
**2:27:43 PM** Co-Vice Chair Witt  
**2:27:47 PM** Brigadier General Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military Department  
**2:31:46 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:32:20 PM** JL Wilson, Associated Oregon Industries  
**2:35:29 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:35:34 PM** Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
**2:36:04 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:36:28 PM** {Exhibit} 9: Val Conley, Administrator, Veterans' Services Division, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs  
**2:38:51 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:39:07 PM** Conley  
**2:39:14 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:39:38 PM** Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
**2:41:15 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:41:36 PM HB 2919-Public Hearing**

**2:41:41 PM** {Exhibit} 10: Val Conley, Administrator, Veterans' Services Division,  
Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs

**2:43:07 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:43:15 PM** Conley

**2:43:17 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:44:19 PM HB 2578 – Work Session**

**2:44:30 PM** Jill Petty, Committee Administrator

**2:45:23 PM** MOTION: Co-Chair Esquivel moves HB 2578 Do Pass and be referred to  
Ways & Means by prior reference

**2:45:32 PM** Co- Chair Witt

**2:45:49 PM** Rep. Huffman

**2:45:54 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:46:09 PM** Co-Chair Esquivel

**2:46:21 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:46:30 PM** VOTE: 6-0-0

**2:46:31 PM** AYES: Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Matthews, Esquivel, Witt

**2:47:04 PM HB 2638 - Work Session**

**2:47:18 PM** Jill Petty, Committee Administrator

**2:47:35 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:47:47 PM** Petty

**2:48:01 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:48:10 PM** Rep. Huffman

**2:49:12 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:49:17 PM** Co-Chair Esquivel

**2:49:58 PM** Rep. Huffman

**2:50:00 PM** Co-Chair Esquivel

**2:50:19 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:50:57 PM** MOTION: Co-Chair Esquivel moves HB 2638 Do Pass and be referred to  
Ways & Means by prior reference

**2:51:09 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:51:18 PM** Co-Chair Esquivel

**2:51:20 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:51:31 PM** VOTE: 6-0-0

**2:51:31 PM** AYES: Boone, Huffman, Parrish, Matthews, Esquivel, Witt

**2:51:46 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:52:40 PM** MOTION: Co-Chair Esquivel moved the rules be suspended to allow Rep.  
Matthews to vote on HB 2578

**2:52:51 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:53:01 PM** Co-Chair Esquivel

**2:53:02 PM** Co-Chair Witt

**2:53:07 PM** Rep. Huffman

**2:53:08 PM** VOTE: 6-0-0

**2:53:08 PM** AYES: Boone, Huffman, Parrish Matthews, Esquivel, Witt

**2:53:18 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:53:24 PM** Co-Chair Esquivel  
**2:53:31 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:53:33 PM** Co-Vice Chair Matthews  
**2:53:36 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:54:14 PM** Petty  
**2:55:43 PM** Co-Chair Witt  
**2:55:48 PM** Meeting Adjourned by Co-Chair Witt

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### **Exhibit Summary**

**1:09:57 PM** {Exhibit} 1: HB 2402, written testimony, Mike Burton, 2 pp  
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**2:02:05 PM** {Exhibit} 6: HB 2402, written testimony, Tom Mann, 17 pp  
**2:36:17 PM** {Exhibit} 7: HB 2402, written testimony, Robert H. Thornhill, 7 pp  
**2:41:46 PM** {Exhibit} 8: HB 2402, Informational Literature, Robert H. Thornhill, 4 pp  
**2:03:02 PM** {Exhibit} 9: HB 2243, written testimony, Val Conley, 1 p  
**2:03:02 PM** {Exhibit} 10: HB 2919, written testimony, Val Conley, 1 p

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