

## ODVA Veteran Bill Digest

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Bill Number	Last Three Actions	Upcoming Hearings
<a href="#">HB 2050</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Revenue. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	<p>Relating to a taxable income exemption for taxpayers who are a veteran.</p> <p>Exempts from state income tax for a taxpayer who is a veteran all retirement pay or pension received for service in the Armed Forces of the United States.</p>	
<a href="#">HB 2319</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	<p>Relating to veterans' personal information.</p> <p>Changes who can request veteran discharge papers from county clerks and exempts veterans' discharge papers from the 25-year statute of limitations for public record disclosure.</p>	
<a href="#">HB 2341</a>	02/06/25 - Third reading. Carried by Watanabe. Passed. Ayes, 58; Excused, 2--Nguyen D, Reschke. 02/04/25 - Second reading. 02/03/25 - Recommendation: Do pass.	
	<p>Relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.</p> <p>Adds a uniformed service member's or veteran's e-mail address to the information that the Director of Human Services, Early Learning System Director, Director of Transportation and Director of the Oregon Health Authority are required to provide to the Director of Veterans' Affairs.</p>	
<a href="#">HB 2344</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	<p>Relating to the World War II memorial located in the Capitol Mall.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to keep the World War II memorial located in the Capitol Mall up to date and maintain an educational tool as part of the memorial.</p>	
<a href="#">HB 2361</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Revenue. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	<p>Relating to tax exemption for the property of veterans; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>Lowers the disability threshold for property tax exemption for the homestead or personal property of veterans to 10 percent.</p>	
<a href="#">HB 2371</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	<p>Relating to waiver of tuition.</p> <p>Prohibits the amount of tuition that is waived for qualified students from being reduced by the amount of specified student aid received by the qualified students.</p>	
<a href="#">HB 2386</a>	02/06/25 - Third reading. Carried by Grayber. Passed. Ayes, 58; Excused, 2--Nguyen D, Reschke. 02/04/25 - Second reading. 02/03/25 - Recommendation: Do pass.	
	<p>Relating to the unclaimed remains of eligible decedents.</p> <p>Provides the Department of Veterans' Affairs with authority to adopt rules to implement the laws concerning the unclaimed remains of veterans, veterans' spouses and dependents and survivors of veterans.</p>	

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<a href="#">HB 2395</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to county veterans' service officers; declaring an emergency. Requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to distribute moneys for county veterans' service officers to counties that have a population of less than 30,000 and are or will be unable to maintain operations of county veterans' service officers due to budget decreases.		
<a href="#">HB 2424</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Allows the Director of Veterans' Affairs to appoint a deputy director, subject to approval by the Governor.		
<a href="#">HB 2441</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to waiver of tuition. Prohibits the amount of tuition that is waived for qualified students from being reduced by the amount of specified student aid received by the qualified students.		
<a href="#">HB 2520</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Revenue. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to tax credits for employment of qualified military veterans; prescribing an effective date. Allows a credit against income taxes for up to three years for employment of qualified military veterans if the wage requirement is met.		
<a href="#">HB 2521</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to veteran-owned small businesses; declaring an emergency. Requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to conduct a statewide study on the status of small businesses owned by veterans.		
<a href="#">HB 2524</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to child care programs to support veterans' access to services; declaring an emergency. Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish a grant program for court and community care programs providing services to children of veterans and veteran families.		
<a href="#">HB 2537</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to veterans; declaring an emergency. Establishes the Veterans Waiver Program in the Oregon Health Authority to provide, beginning in 2026, medical assistance to low-income veterans who reside in Oregon.		

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<a href="#">HB 2538</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to continuing education for Oregon Medical Board licensees. Directs the Oregon Medical Board to require physicians and physician associates to complete continuing education regarding lethal means counseling.		
<a href="#">HB 2559</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to veterans. Defines "honorable conditions" as related to the discharge or release of a veteran.		
<a href="#">HB 2650</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to veterans' courts. Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement a grant program to provide funding to Oregon counties for veterans' courts.		
<a href="#">HB 2654</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Housing and Homelessness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to the emergency veterans housing program. Establishes the emergency veterans housing program within the Housing and Community Services Department.		
<a href="#">HB 2664</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Housing and Homelessness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to housing for veterans. Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish and administer a program to acquire and manage residential properties for the benefit of veterans who are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing, housing instability.		
<a href="#">HB 2717</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds under Article XI-Q of the Oregon Constitution for construction of a veterans' home in Roseburg.		
<a href="#">HB 2824</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Behavioral Health and Health Care. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to prescription drugs for veterans. Requires coordinated care organization drug outlets to dispense a seven-day supply of a prescription drug to a veteran with a disability, at no cost to the veteran, if the veteran is unable to obtain the prescription drug through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.		

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<a href="#">HB 2825</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Labor and Workplace Standards with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Relating to preferences for veterans in public employment selection processes. Modifies law regarding the requirement that a public employer grant preference to a veteran or disabled veteran in the selection process for a civil service position.	
<a href="#">HB 2826</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Judiciary with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Relating to veterans' courts. Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement a grant program to provide funding to Oregon counties for veterans' courts.	
<a href="#">HB 2828</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Relating to veterans. Requires public post-secondary institutions to grant 12 academic credits to veterans who have served two or more years on active duty.	
<a href="#">HB 2832</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Relating to preferences for veterans in public employment. Provides that a veteran must provide evidence of eligibility for veterans' preference in public employment at the time of application for a civil service position.	
<a href="#">HB 2835</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Relating to veterans; declaring an emergency. Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to fill and utilize certain positions.	
<a href="#">HB 2843</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Relating to veterans' benefits. Establishes the Veterans' Benefits Economic Development Fund.	
<a href="#">HB 2845</a>	02/06/25 - Public Hearing held. 01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Transportation, then Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Relating to veterans. Requires an appropriation to the Department of Veterans' Affairs from the General Fund to be in an amount not less than \$10,000,000 in 2015 dollars, adjusted for inflation.	

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<a href="#">HB 2846</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Housing and Homelessness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to refinancing options for veterans. Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop a program under which the department, pursuant to contracts with financial institutions, provides loan or credit guarantees for qualified veterans for the purpose of refinancing existing home mortgages on veterans' primary residences.		
<a href="#">HB 2856</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Housing and Homelessness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to veteran housing services. Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide grants to nonprofit organizations to offset unexpected increases in costs in repurposing buildings for veteran housing and housing programs.		
<a href="#">HB 2859</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to services for veterans. Requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs, in its biennial agency request budget, to request a certain level of funding.		
<a href="#">HB 2874</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to preferences for veterans in public employment selection processes. Modifies law regarding the requirement that a public employer grant preference to a veteran or disabled veteran in the selection process for a civil service position.		
<a href="#">HB 2877</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development with subsequent referral to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans, then Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to workforce assistance to veterans in the construction industry; declaring an emergency. Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement one or more pilot programs statewide to provide training, job placement services, financial assistance, technical support and business creation assistance to veterans in the construction and construction materials industries.		
<a href="#">HB 2906</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Housing and Homelessness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to housing for veterans; declaring an emergency. Establishes the Task Force on Innovative Housing Strategies for Veterans.		
<a href="#">HB 2913</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Revenue. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to tax credits for veterans services; prescribing an effective date. Creates an income tax credit for a member of a military organization that contributes financial resources to the Veterans' Educational Aid Account prior to the organization's dissolution.		

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<a href="#">HB 3254</a>	01/24/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/21/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to veterans.		
Requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to report the amount of federal moneys the state receives for each dollar the state spends on outreach and programming for veterans and the amount of federal moneys received by service members and veterans in this state not later than December 1 of each year.		
<a href="#">HB 3257</a>	01/24/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/21/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to licensure portability for military families.		
Requires the Oregon Military Department to study licensure portability for military families.		
<a href="#">HB 3267</a>	01/24/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/21/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to veterans' recognition registration plates.		
Provides for additional forms of identification that may be used by a person to prove status as a veteran when applying for a veterans' recognition registration plate.		
<a href="#">HB 3287</a>	01/24/25 - Referred to Revenue. 01/21/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to property tax exemption for disabled veterans; prescribing an effective date.		
Grants a higher property tax exemption for the property of veterans with disabilities.		
<a href="#">HB 3306</a>	01/24/25 - Referred to Revenue. 01/21/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to taxable income exemption for military taxpayers; prescribing an effective date.		
Exempts from state income tax up to \$17,500 in retirement pay or pension received for service in the Armed Forces of the United States for a taxpayer who is receiving retirement pay or pension for service in the Armed Forces of the United States and who has not attained 63 years of age before the close of the taxable year for which a return is filed.		
<a href="#">HB 3460</a>	02/06/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 02/04/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to hyperbaric oxygen therapy; prescribing an effective date.		
Directs the Oregon Health Authority to administer a program to reimburse the cost of hyperbaric oxygen therapy for low-income veterans who have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder and are ineligible for medical assistance.		
<a href="#">HB 5038</a>	01/18/25 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Transportation and Economic Development. 01/17/25 - Referred to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to the financial administration of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; declaring an emergency.		
Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for certain biennial expenses.		

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<a href="#">HCR 5</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Resolving that the Legislative Assembly should appropriate from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs an amount that is no less than the amount appropriated in the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as adjusted. Resolves that the Legislative Assembly should appropriate from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs an amount that is no less than the amount appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as adjusted.	
<a href="#">HJM 2</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Rules. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Urging Congress to change the funding of veterans' health care from a discretionary entitlement to a permanent and direct entitlement. Urges Congress to change the funding of veterans' health care from a discretionary entitlement to a permanent and direct entitlement.	
<a href="#">HJM 4</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Rules. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
	Urging Congress to extend benefits to units deployed under 10 U.S.C. 12304b. Urges Congress to enact legislation that extends certain benefits to Reserve and National Guard units deployed under 10 U.S.	
<a href="#">SB 150</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
	Relating to compensation for services performed in connection with a claim for a veteran's benefit; prescribing an effective date. Prohibits receiving compensation for performing certain services for or on behalf of an applicant or a claimant for a veteran's benefit except as provided in applicable federal or state law.	
<a href="#">SB 159</a>	02/11/25 - Public Hearing Scheduled. 01/17/25 - Referred to Judiciary. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	3:00PM 02/11/2025 Senate Committee Judiciary Public Hearing HR E
	Relating to veterans' recognition plates. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue qualifying owners veterans' recognition registration plates for use on mopeds and motorcycles.	
<a href="#">SB 225</a>	02/04/25 - Public Hearing held. 01/17/25 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
	Relating to taxable income exemption for military taxpayers; prescribing an effective date. Exempts from state income tax up to \$17,500 in retirement pay or pension received for service in the Armed Forces of the United States for a taxpayer who is receiving retirement pay or pension for service in the Armed Forces of the United States and who has not attained 63 years of age before the close of the taxable year for which a return is filed.	

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<a href="#">SB 230</a>	01/28/25 - Public Hearing held. 01/17/25 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs, then Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
	Relating to the Veterans Dental Program; prescribing an effective date. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to require oral health care providers to complete an intake screening with an enrollee of the Veterans Dental Program within 15 days after the enrollee initiates contact with the provider.	
<a href="#">SB 387</a>	02/06/25 - Work Session held. 01/28/25 - Public Hearing held. 01/17/25 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs, then Finance and Revenue.	
	Relating to property tax exemption for disabled veterans; prescribing an effective date. Grants higher property tax exemptions for the property of veterans with disabilities.	
<a href="#">SB 520</a>	02/06/25 - Work Session held. 01/28/25 - Public Hearing held. 01/17/25 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs, then Ways and Means.	
	Relating to veterans. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, to provide transportation services to the Roseburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center for veterans residing in Coos and Curry Counties.	
<a href="#">SB 596</a>	02/04/25 - Public Hearing held. 01/17/25 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
	Relating to veterans' recognition registration plates. Provides that a person eligible for a veterans' recognition registration plate may request a waiver of the surcharge imposed for the plate.	
<a href="#">SB 627</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Transportation. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
	Relating to vehicle registration. Provides that vehicle registration for most vehicles will be ownership registration and owners must pay a one-time fee instead of a biennial fee.	
<a href="#">SB 658</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
	Relating to employment preference for veterans. Provides that, when an interview is an element of the process of selecting a candidate for a civil service position from an eligibility list, the public employer must interview each veteran applicant who meets the qualifications for the position and shows transferable skills if the duties of the position are performed by only one person within the public employer's organization.	



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<a href="#">SB 659</a>	01/17/25 - Referred to Education. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to waiver of tuition. Prohibits the amount of tuition that is waived for qualified students from being reduced by the amount of specified student aid received by the qualified students.		
<a href="#">SB 668</a>	02/06/25 - Public Hearing held. 01/17/25 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to tuition benefits connected to disabled veterans; declaring an emergency. Expands tuition benefits available to disabled veterans to permit veterans who are Oregon residents and are 80 percent or more disabled, and the spouse and child of disabled veterans, to have tuition waived for enrollment in a vocational program or an associate degree, baccalaureate degree or master's degree program at community colleges, public universities and the Oregon Health and Science University.		
<a href="#">SB 676</a>	01/28/25 - Public Hearing held. 01/17/25 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs, then Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to veterans' loans for acquisition of real property. Limits the interest rate to no more than the prime rate plus one percent for loans advanced under the veterans' home and farm loan program.		
<a href="#">SB 955</a>	01/28/25 - Referred to Finance and Revenue. 01/28/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to a specially assessed value for the residences of veterans; prescribing an effective date. Provides, for purposes of ad valorem property taxation, a specially assessed value for the owner-occupied primary residences of veterans and surviving spouses of veterans.		
<a href="#">SB 5505</a>	01/18/25 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Capital Construction. 01/17/25 - Referred to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency. Establishes amounts authorized for issuance of general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, certificates of participation and other financing agreements for the biennium.		
<a href="#">SB 5506</a>	01/18/25 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Capital Construction. 01/17/25 - Referred to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency. Limits for the six-year period beginning July 1, 2025, payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by various state agencies for capital construction.		

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<a href="#">SB 5530</a>	<p>01/18/25 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Capital Construction.</p> <p>01/17/25 - Referred to Ways and Means.</p> <p>01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.</p>	
	<p>Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Maintains and reserves lottery revenues available to benefit public purposes during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, in the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund.</p>	
<a href="#">SJM 1</a>	<p>02/06/25 - Referred to Rules by order of the President.</p> <p>02/06/25 - Recommendation: Without recommendation as to adoption and be referred to Rules.</p> <p>02/04/25 - Work Session held.</p>	
	<p>Urging Congress to conduct public hearings on anti-military bias and improve enforcement of hate-crime protections for military families.</p> <p>Urges Congress to conduct public hearings on anti-military bias and improve enforcement of hate-crime protections for military families.</p>	