

Legislative Day 2024

Monday Sept 23, 2024

VFW Department of Oregon needs you to show up at the Oregon State Capital in Salem in a show of support with your VFW Hat on (or Veteran Hat if you do not own a VFW Hat).

What: Informational Hearing of the Oregon Senate Interim Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

Why: VFW Department of Oregon State Legislative Committee Chair Dennis Guthrie and National Legislative Committee Chair Anthony Barber will be presenting to the committee on a possible state bill that would parallel the federal GUARD VA Benefits Act (HR1139 and S740). That Act would impose criminal penalties on individuals for soliciting, contracting for, charging, or receiving any unauthorized fee or compensation with respect to the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of any claim VA veterans' benefits. Unfortunately, lobbyists for the Claims Shark industry have succeeded so far in causing the Act to stall in committee in Washington, DC. Therefore, VFW is taking the fight for veterans to the state level. Eight states have now passed similar laws, and several more are considering them. Your visible presence will focus and encourage our elected representatives to do the right thing.

When: September 23rd, 2:30– 5:00 PM

It currently appears that our testimony may start about 3:15 PM, but that could easily shift. Also, please plan for the extra time that parking, security, and finding the right room can take.

Where: Likely Hearing Room E on the 1st floor on the State Street side of the Capitol building at 900 Court St. NE in Salem.

Information about visiting the capitol, including parking, can be found at: <https://oregoncapitol.com/plan-your-visit-trip-planner/>. *Please also note that you will need to go through security screening and that no weapons are allowed in the building.*

For more information, please contact Anthony Barber or Dennis Guthrie.