

Three bills honoring veterans headed to House for final vote

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An Oregon House committee approved a trio of bills Thursday that honor military veterans.
Retired Army Lt. Col. Dick Tobiason of the Bend Heroes Foundation testified in the virtual hearing in support of the bills.
“We appreciate your work,” Rep. Paul Evans, D-Monmouth, chair of the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Management, told Tobiason.

The bills have all passed the Senate and after the House committee approval go to the House floor for final passage, then to Gov. Kate Brown to sign into law.
Senate Bill 790 approves naming the Oregon portion of U.S. Highway 30 as the Oregon Veterans Memorial Highway. The highway runs from Astoria to Portland, then west through Hermiston, Pendleton, La Grande and Baker City before leaving the state near Ontario

on the Idaho border.
Senate Bill 319 would dedicate an area in the State Capitol State Park for a Vietnam War memorial to be paid for and built using funds from a non-profit corporation.
Senate Bill 441 modifies the criteria for erecting roadside memorial signs for deceased veterans to include former prisoners of war and missing in action previously unaccounted for, but whose remains have been discovered in recent years.

School board

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The virtual forum was hosted by local nonpartisan organizations City Club of Central Oregon and the League of Women Voters of Deschutes County. It was recorded Tuesday evening and posted on City Club’s website Thursday.
When the candidates were asked how they would use federal COVID-19 money to help the district, the candidates offered many options.
LeGrand said the funds should be used to help with the transition out of distance learning, by improving school ventilation systems and buying more personal protective equipment.



Llerandi LeGrand Douglass Olson

He also said new positions created with funding — whether those are new federal funds or state money from the voter-passed Student Success Act — should come with enough staff to help them achieve their goals.
“Don’t load it down on one person,” LeGrand said. “If you have a director of diversity, don’t give that person (all the) responsibility with no staff.”
Douglass said the school board plans to use a lot of the federal money to fund summer programs to help students who struggled with online schooling. But the federal funds Bend-La Pine has received so far — about \$8 million, she said — won’t make a huge impact, she said.
“It’s great, and we’ll use it wisely, (but) it is not nearly enough to make up for a year of lost learning,” Douglass said.
Llerandi — who is also the finance coordinator for education nonprofits Better Together and Early Learning Hub of Central Oregon — agreed that the \$8 million will be used up quickly. But she’s skilled in working with tight budgets, she said.
“As a single parent, my added layer of experience having to work on shoestring budgets counts for more than you can imagine,” Llerandi said.
Llerandi wasn’t the only candidate to say life and career experience would benefit Bend-La Pine Schools.
Olson touted her decades-long career in the education world, from being an educational consultant for companies like Pearson to serving as an elementary school principal and administrator in multiple school dis-

tricts, including Salem-Keizer.
“I have seen lots of questions and lots of solutions,” she said.
As the lone incumbent, serving on the board since 2017, Douglass said she would provide stability as the COVID-19 pandemic continues and a new superintendent, Steve Cook, takes charge in July.
“I’m really uniquely qualified to continue to provide strong and consistent, but also transformative, leadership at this time,” she said.
Raised by a single parent in a small North Carolina town, LeGrand used his military career to pay for college. Now, as a college and career success coach at Central Oregon Community College, he works hard to help other young adults realize their goals, and can do the same at Bend-La Pine, he said.
“I’m a small town kid who understood that hard work is going to get you somewhere,” LeGrand said. “Now, I can hand my experiences over to some student, or many students, who need that knowledge.”
All four candidates also agreed that if elected, they likely wouldn’t mandate school staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
“I believe in fact-based evidence. I believe in the science,” Llerandi said. “But I also believe it is the responsibility of

Skyline

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At least half of those units will be reserved for those who make 80% of the area median income or less — meaning about \$52,070 or less, according to U.S. Census data.
Skyline Village will be located just northeast of Redmond’s current city limits, between NE 13th Street, NE 17th Street, NE Kingwood Avenue and NE Negus Way. The development will feature a variety of housing types, from town homes to three-story apartment buildings to cottage housing — which are single-family houses spaced closely together.
In late 2019, Deschutes County agreed to donate the 40 acres needed for Skyline Village to the city of Redmond.
At the April 13 Redmond City Council meeting, councilors unanimously approved a bundle of four applications meant to move the development of Skyline Village forward.
The City Council first voted to rezone the 40 acres for mixed-use and residential use. Previously, it was zoned for exclusive farm use.
Then, the council agreed to add the 40 acres to Redmond’s urban growth bound-

ary. This makes it easier for the city to annex the land, which should happen later in 2021, said John Roberts, deputy city manager.
The council also partitioned the 40 acres, to separate it from the larger surrounding parcel. This was a requirement of the county’s land donation, according to city documents.
Finally, the City Council approved a master development plan for Skyline Village. This dictates what parts of the 40 acres will be used for specific purposes, Roberts said.
The council’s next two steps are to wait until Deschutes County amends its comprehensive land use plan to accommodate Skyline Village, and to hire a master developer, Roberts said. The county is expected to make that move soon, and the city hopes to solicit a developer starting early this summer, he said.
But even if everything goes perfectly smoothly, construction won’t start until early summer 2022, Roberts said. And even that might be a stretch.
“I’d say early next summer ... but that’s an ambitious timeline,” he said.
Katherine Austin, a Bend-based architect who sits on Bend’s affordable housing

committee, said the slow timeline for Skyline Village isn’t surprising. That’s mostly due to the difficulty in finding the necessary funding, so the housing can actually be affordable.
“What people have to realize, it’s going to take a long time for this to actually develop,” Austin said. “It’s a huge project, and there’s only so much subsidy available for affordable housing in one year.”
Austin also had concerns about Skyline Village being located far away from central Redmond. Although she acknowledged there likely wasn’t a better place to put it, putting affordable housing deep in the sprawl isn’t the best solution, she said.
“When you put affordable housing out on the periphery, it requires people to own cars to have people get to jobs, get food,” Austin said. “The more somebody needs a car, the less affordable the housing is.”
Still, Austin acknowledged that Central Oregon badly needs more affordable housing.
“I think it’s a very helpful thing,” she said of Skyline Village. “The preference would be more in-town, but this is the next best thing.”

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J&J

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Until the investigation is complete, which health officials predict will take a week or more, it’s not certain that her death is related to the vaccine, the agency said.
Federal and state agencies paused the J&J vaccine rollout on April 13 due to concerns about blood clots.
“For most people that received the (J&J) vaccine, we are nearing the end of that time of where they need to be monitoring for symptoms,” Sharief said. The CDC warned that if people have symptoms within three weeks

after receiving the vaccine they should contact their health care provider.
Federal officials already were examining six reports of the unusual clots, including a death, out of more 8 million Americans given the one-dose vaccination so far.
The CDC also told Texas health authorities Thursday that a woman in that state was hospitalized with possible blood clots associated with J&J vaccine recipients.
A government advisory committee on vaccines is expected to meet Friday and could make a recommendation soon after on whether and how to resume use of the

J&J vaccine.
Sharief said whether Oregon resumes distribution of the J&J vaccine will be a “reflection” of the committee’s decision.
“We have the utmost confidence that it would be a decision made with thorough investigation and consideration of the potential benefits and risks, in relation to each other, as we go through this pandemic,” Sharief said.
Oregon health officials also announced 989 new or presumptive COVID-19 cases Wednesday, continuing the troubling upward trajectory seen across the state in recent weeks.

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