

Washington, DC – Today the House passed the “Defense Appropriations Act” by a vote of 395 to 34. Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore) voted in favor of the bill, issuing the following statement:

“The Defense Appropriations Act provides vital funding for Oregon’s soldiers, who dedicate their lives to serving our nation. While I am frustrated with large portions of this bill that spend too much on the wrong things, I voted for it to provide resources for our troops, our troops’ families, and to fund projects that will create jobs and boost Oregon’s economy.

“Unemployment is still high, and while the economy recovers, this bill provides continued unemployment benefits for those who need it as well as access to healthcare.

“It also includes a number of important provisions that will make a difference for local universities, like Portland State, Oregon, and Oregon State. Money will be directed to local companies – helping to create good-wage jobs – while also making needed investments in programs to treat Traumatic Brain Injury, the signature injury of the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

While I am dedicated to ending the wars in Iraq in Afghanistan, I am also dedicated to making sure our troops and their families are as safe and secure as possible.”

**Below are Oregon projects requested by Congressman Blumenauer that will be funded through the “Defense Appropriations Act”:**

**Requester**

**Project Name**

**Description**

**Amount Requested**

**Final Amount**

Manufacturing 21 Coalition

Northwest Manufacturing Initiative

The Initiative is a unique regional response to the national shortage of skilled manufacturing workers.

\$2,800,000

**\$2,000,000**

Oregon Biomedical Engineering Institute

Treatment of Battlefield Spine and Burn Injuries

Funding for the development of effective and innovative treatments for spinal cord injuries and severe

\$4,500,000

**\$360,000**

Oregon State University

ONAMI Miniature Tactical Energy Systems Development

This project will support the development of miniaturized tactical energy systems, including power and

\$5,000,000

**\$2,500,000**

Portland State University

ONAMI Nanoelectronics and Nanometrology Initiative

This program would address future needs in information processing and biosensing which are needed

\$5,000,000

**\$3,840,000**

Precision Castparts Corporation

Next Generation Casting Supplier Base Initiative

Requested funds would help meet the increasing demands of the Department of Defense for complex

\$12,500,000

**\$4,000,000**

University of Oregon

ONAMI Safer Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing

This project would develop nano-materials and nano-manufacturing methods that meet the military's n

\$5,000,000

**\$3,250,000**

University of Oregon

Brain Safety Net

This project seeks to develop and optimize evidence-based treatments of soldiers and civilians suffering

\$3,000,000

**\$2,400,000**