

House Bill 2161

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Expands rulemaking authority of Department of Veterans' Affairs. Expands role of Advisory Committee to Director of Veterans' Affairs.

Adds spouses and survivors of deceased veterans to persons Director of Veterans' Affairs may assist.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to Department of Veterans' Affairs; amending ORS 406.005, 406.030 and 406.217.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 406.005 is amended to read:

4 406.005. (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs is established.

5 (2) The department is under the supervision and control of a director appointed as provided in
6 ORS 406.020.

7 (3) The department is responsible for the administration of federal and state laws relating to
8 veterans.

9 (4) **The department, with the advice of the Advisory Committee created under ORS
10 406.210, shall adopt rules that the department considers necessary to carry out the provisions
11 of ORS chapters 406, 407 and 408 and ORS 88.710 to 88.740 and 174.105.**

12 **SECTION 2.** ORS 406.030 is amended to read:

13 406.030. (1) The Director of Veterans' Affairs, in the performance of the duties of the director,
14 shall organize and coordinate the administration of all present and future federal and state laws
15 pertaining to [*war*] veterans [*and their*], **their spouses, dependents and survivors** in this state.

16 [(2) *The Department of Veterans' Affairs, with the advice of the Advisory Committee provided for
17 in ORS 406.210, shall promulgate such rules and adopt such forms as the department considers nec-
18 essary and expedient to carry out the provisions of ORS chapter 407 and ORS 88.710 to 88.740,
19 174.105, 406.010 to 406.090, 406.210 to 406.340, 406.410, 406.420, 408.010 to 408.090, 408.360, 408.365,
20 408.370, 408.375, 408.380 and 408.385.*]

21 (2) **As used in this section, "survivor" means the spouse and dependents of a deceased
22 veteran.**

23 **SECTION 3.** ORS 406.217 is amended to read:

24 406.217. The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall:

25 (1) Solicit recommendations from the Advisory Committee on the administration of all federal
26 and state laws affecting veterans [*and*], **their spouses, dependents and survivors** in this state.

27 (2) Instruct members of the Advisory Committee concerning the operation of all veterans' pro-
28 grams administered by the director.
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.