## House Bill 3160

Sponsored by Representative BARKER; Representatives BOQUIST, BUCKLEY, MINNIS, WHISNANT, Senator AVAKIAN (at the request of Mac MacDonald, United Veterans Groups of Oregon)

## **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.

Creates Oregon Veterans' Business Enterprise Program. Appropriates moneys to Department of Veterans' Affairs for purposes of program.

## 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to Oregon Veterans' Business Enterprise Program; and appropriating money.
  - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
  - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Oregon Veterans' Business Enterprise Program is created to provide financial assistance to Oregon veterans for the purpose of starting a new business or expanding an existing business.
    - (2) The program shall assist Oregon veterans by providing financial assistance for business needs that include, but are not limited to:
      - (a) Licensing and permits;
        - (b) Educational, vocational or other types of training;
- 11 (c) Advertising; and
  - (d) Equipment.
  - (3) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall administer the program created in subsection (1) of this section and shall adopt rules to implement and carry out the purposes of the program including, but not limited to, establishing procedures for applying for financial assistance and criteria for determining eligibility to receive financial assistance.
    - (4) As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.500.
  - <u>SECTION 2.</u> There is appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000 for carrying out the purposes of section 1 of this 2007 Act.

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