

# House Bill 2926

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## SUMMARY

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Requires counties to appoint service officers. Exempts certain counties.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to service officers; amending ORS 408.410.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 408.410 is amended to read:

5 408.410. (1) **Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section**, the county governing body  
6 in each county [*may*] **shall** appoint a service officer who shall give aid and assistance to any vet-  
7 eran, the spouse or dependents of the veteran or the survivors of the veteran, in applying for all  
8 benefits and aid to which they are entitled by federal, state or local laws, rules and regulations. The  
9 county governing body shall fix the compensation of the service officer, provide the service officer  
10 with an office and the necessary equipment therefor in the same manner as provided for any other  
11 county officer. [*If a county governing body appoints a service officer,*] The **county** governing body  
12 shall also provide in the annual budget for expenditure of moneys sufficient to enable the county to  
13 employ the service officer, to properly maintain the office provided for the service officer and to pay  
14 the costs incurred by the service officer in providing assistance to veterans, spouses and dependents  
15 of veterans or survivors of veterans. The annual expenditures required by this section shall be made  
16 from the county funds referred to in ORS 408.720.

17 **(2) Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler Counties are not required to appoint a service officer**  
18 **under this section if a county that adjoins Gilliam, Sherman or Wheeler County has ap-**  
19 **pointed a service officer.**

20 [(2)] **(3)** As used in this section, "survivor of a veteran" means the spouse or a dependent of a  
21 deceased veteran.

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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.