

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 73**Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2011 Regular Session
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Date: 2/9/2011**Measure Description:**

Allows Director of Veterans' Affairs to assign more than one state employee to provide oversight of second Oregon Veterans' Home.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Other Funds		\$55,337
Positions		1
FTE		0.50

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

This bill amends ORS 408.375, removing language that limits the number of full-time equivalent employees assigned to provide the oversight and management of the second Oregon Veterans' Home authorized by section 1, chapter 591, Oregon laws of 1995. The department projects that once the facility is complete they would add one 0.50 FTE clerical/administrative position in addition to the current 1.0 FTE Liaison Officer position currently assigned. The bill allows for the assignment of additional employees at the discretion of the director. The veterans' home operations and associated ODVA oversight staff are funded through payments by residents for the cost of care – including pension, disability compensation, and Social Security income, Medicare and Medicaid payments, and per diem payments on behalf of veterans by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The bill also expands the eligibility for admittance criteria to the home to comport with changes in federal law. There is no expected expenditure impact from this change, but the agency anticipates a firming of revenue streams due to the expanded eligibility.

