

# House Bill 2578

Sponsored by Representatives FREEMAN, HANNA, ROBLAN, Senators KRUSE, PROZANSKI, VERGER; Representatives BARKER, GILLIAM, READ (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**.

Directs Director of Veterans' Affairs to establish third Oregon Veterans' Home in Roseburg. Authorizes director to seek federal grant funds for purpose of establishing home in Roseburg.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to Oregon Veterans' Homes; amending ORS 408.370 and 408.385.

3       Whereas Oregon is home to 341,000 veterans; and

4       Whereas the United States Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that Oregon has a need for  
5 more than 900 skilled nursing beds for its veteran population; and

6       Whereas the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles has 151 skilled nursing beds; and

7       Whereas a planned second veterans' home in Linn County would have up to an additional 150  
8 skilled nursing beds; and

9       Whereas Oregon would still need another 600 skilled nursing beds to meet the demand estimated  
10 by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; now, therefore,

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

12       **SECTION 1.** ORS 408.385 is amended to read:

13       408.385. The State of Oregon and the Director of Veterans' Affairs shall [*not establish more than*  
14 *two Oregon Veterans' Homes until the two facilities authorized by law on July 17, 1995, are con-*  
15 *structed and have provided services to patients for a period of time that is sufficient to allow a deter-*  
16 *mination to be made concerning the effectiveness and efficiency of the facilities in providing for the*  
17 *needs of the veterans of Oregon for long term care. Nothing in this section shall be construed to support*  
18 *any further consideration for additional veterans' homes.] **establish a third Oregon Veterans' Home**  
19 **in Roseburg, in addition to the two facilities authorized by law on July 17, 1995.***

20       **(2) The director may seek federal grant funds from the United States Department of**  
21 **Veterans Affairs for the purpose of establishing the third Oregon Veterans' Home in**  
22 **Roseburg.**

23       **SECTION 2.** ORS 408.370 is amended to read:

24       408.370. (1) In addition to the other uses for the Oregon Housing Fund set forth in ORS 458.600  
25 to 458.665, financial support for an Oregon Veterans' Home is a permitted use of moneys from the  
26 Oregon Housing Fund.

27       (2) Notwithstanding ORS 442.315, 442.325 and 442.584, an Oregon Veterans' Home is not subject  
28 to any certificate of need requirement but is otherwise subject to the authority of the [*Health Re-*  
29 *sources Commission*] **Oregon Health Authority.**

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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.