

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3208

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Including House Amendments dated April 15

Sponsored by Representative WHISNANT; Representatives BARKER, BOONE, ESQUIVEL, HUFFMAN, MATTHEWS, WITT

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.

Allows for development of two additional Oregon Veterans' Homes under certain circumstances.
Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to enter into contract to conduct statewide study to determine number of skilled nursing beds needed to meet current and future needs of veterans. Requires department to report on study to Legislative Assembly on or before May 31, 2015.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Oregon Veterans' Homes; creating new provisions; amending ORS 408.385; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

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

6 408.385. **(1)** The [*State of Oregon and the*] Director of Veterans' Affairs [*shall*] **may** not establish
7 more than two Oregon Veterans' Homes until the two facilities authorized by law on July 17, 1995,
8 are constructed and have provided services to patients for a period of time that is sufficient to allow
9 a determination to be made concerning the effectiveness and efficiency of the facilities in providing
10 for the needs of the veterans of Oregon for long term care. [*Nothing in this section shall be construed*
11 *to support any further consideration for additional veterans' homes.*]

12 **(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if the director determines that the two**
13 **facilities authorized by law on July 17, 1995, will not be sufficient to provide for the needs**
14 **of the veterans of Oregon, the director may begin planning for and developing two additional**
15 **Oregon Veterans' Homes.**

16 **SECTION 2.** **(1)** The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall enter into a contract to con-
17 duct a statewide study to determine the number of skilled nursing beds needed to meet the
18 current and future needs of veterans for skilled nursing care. The study shall determine, for
19 the 20 years after the date the study is commenced:

20 **(a)** The number of veterans needing skilled nursing care, including veterans needing
21 skilled nursing care because of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia;

22 **(b)** Regional catchment areas for provision of services to veterans and the number of
23 veterans within each catchment area who may need skilled nursing care; and

24 **(c)** The number of veterans needing skilled nursing care whose care could be provided
25 through community care.

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.

1 **(2) The department shall report on the study to the Legislative Assembly in the manner**
2 **provided in ORS 192.245 on or before May 31, 2015.**

3 **SECTION 3.** **Section 2 of this 2011 Act is repealed on January 2, 2016.**

4 **SECTION 4.** **This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
5 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
6 **on its passage.**

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