

House Bill 3583

Sponsored by Representative GARRARD, Senator WHITSETT

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 Department of Veterans' Affairs to contract with Lane Community College to study skilled nursing needs of veterans. Directs department to report to Legislative Assembly.
Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for purposes of study.
Sunsets January 2, 2016.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a study of skilled nursing needs of veterans; appropriating money; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall contract with Lane Commu-**
6 **nity College to conduct a statewide study to determine the number of skilled nursing beds**
7 **needed to meet the current and future needs of veterans for skilled nursing care. The study**
8 **shall determine, for the 20 years after the date the study is commenced:**

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

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

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

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

17 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
18 **ated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, out of**
19 **the General Fund, the amount of \$11,000, which may be expended for purposes of contracting**
20 **with Lane Community College to study the number of skilled nursing beds needed to meet**
21 **the current and future needs of veterans for skilled nursing care.**

22 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on January 2, 2016.**

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

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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.
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