

# Senate Bill 73

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## 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**.

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

Permits second Oregon Veterans' Home to admit patients who are eligible for admittance under federal law.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the second Oregon Veterans' Home; amending ORS 408.375; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 408.375 is amended to read:

5 408.375. The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall enter into a contract with a nongovernmental  
6 entity for the operation and management of the second Oregon Veterans' Home authorized by sec-  
7 tion 1, chapter 591, Oregon Laws 1995. The entity with whom the director contracts under this  
8 section shall be a person experienced in the operation and staffing of long term care facilities, as  
9 defined in ORS 442.015. The contract executed under this section shall be subject to the require-  
10 ments of ORS chapters 279A and 279B, except ORS 279A.140 and 279B.235, and shall provide that:

11 (1) The party who contracts to manage and operate the second Oregon Veterans' Home shall  
12 be responsible for hiring and maintaining the necessary staff for the facility.

13 (2) The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall assign [*not more than one state employee on a full-time*  
14 *basis*] **a sufficient number of state employees, in the discretion of the director**, to provide  
15 oversight of the management of the facility.

16 (3) The second Oregon Veterans' Home [*shall*] **may** admit only patients who are veterans, as  
17 defined in ORS 408.225, [*or*] the spouses of veterans **and other patients who are eligible for**  
18 **admittance under federal law**.

19 **SECTION 2. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
20 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**  
21 **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. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.