

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 2539**

Sponsored by Representative WITT; Representatives DOHERTY, EVANS, PILUSO, SMITH WARNER, Senator JOHNSON (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to medical services for women veterans; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** (1) No later than July 1, 2016, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall enter into a contract to conduct a statewide study regarding the delivery and use of, and barriers to access to, health care and medical services for women veterans. The study must include:

- (a) A description of the type and availability of medical services for women veterans in this state;
- (b) Findings regarding accessibility, usage and barriers to accessibility and usage of medical services by women veterans in this state; and
- (c) Recommendations for legislative or other changes that may result in better delivery, accessibility and usage of medical services by women veterans.

(2) No later than November 1, 2016, the department shall submit a report to the interim legislative committees that have authority over the subject area of veterans' affairs regarding the study conducted in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

**SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2017.

**SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation made to the Department of Veterans' Affairs by section 1 (1), chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Oregon Laws 2015 (Enrolled Senate Bill 5539), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as modified by legislative or Emergency Board action, is increased by \$87,750 for the purpose of contracting to conduct the statewide study regarding delivery and use of, and barriers to access to, health care and medical services for women veterans required under section 1 of this 2015 Act.

**SECTION 4.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on July 1, 2015.

**Passed by House June 30, 2015**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

**Passed by Senate July 2, 2015**

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

**Received by Governor:**

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**Approved:**

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Kate Brown, Governor

**Filed in Office of Secretary of State:**

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Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State