

B-Engrossed
House Bill 2539

Ordered by the House June 30
Including House Amendments dated March 6 and June 30

Sponsored by Representative WITT; Representatives DOHERTY, EVANS, PILUSO, SMITH WARNER (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.

Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to enter into contract to conduct statewide study regarding delivery and use of, and barriers to access to, health care and medical services for women veterans no later than July 1, 2016.

Requires department to submit report regarding study to interim legislative committees no later than November 1, 2016.

Sunsets January 2, 2017.

Increases appropriation from General Fund to department for 2015-2017 biennium for purpose of contracting to conduct study.

Declares emergency, effective [*on passage*] **July 1, 2015.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

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

8 (a) **A description of the type and availability of medical services for women veterans in**
9 **this state;**

10 (b) **Findings regarding accessibility, usage and barriers to accessibility and usage of**
11 **medical services by women veterans in this state; and**

12 (c) **Recommendations for legislative or other changes that may result in better delivery,**
13 **accessibility and usage of medical services by women veterans.**

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

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 Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2017.**

18 **SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation**
19 **made to the Department of Veterans' Affairs by section 1 (1), chapter _____, Oregon Laws**
20 **2015 (Enrolled Senate Bill 5539), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as modified by leg-**
21 **islative or Emergency Board action, is increased by \$87,750 for the purpose of contracting**
22 **to conduct the statewide study regarding delivery and use of, and barriers to access to,**
23 **health care and medical services for women veterans required under section 1 of this 2015**

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 **Act.**

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

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