

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 89**

1 Delete lines 4 through 11 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The county governing body in each county may**
3 **appoint one or more volunteer veterans’ guides to provide support**
4 **services and assistance to veterans, spouses and dependents of veter-**
5 **ans, and survivors of veterans, within the county.**

6 **“(b) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs may appoint one or more**
7 **volunteer veterans’ guides to provide support services and assistance**
8 **to veterans, spouses and dependents of veterans, and survivors of**
9 **veterans, whom the department serves.**

10 **“(2) A volunteer veterans’ guide shall provide volunteer services**
11 **under the direction of:**

12 **“(a) The county veterans’ service officers appointed under ORS**
13 **408.410, as described in ORS 406.450; or**

14 **“(b) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs, as appropriate.**

15 **“(3) The duties of a volunteer veterans’ guide may include, but are**
16 **not limited to:**

17 **“(a) Developing and maintaining relationships with the local com-**
18 **munity and local service providers for veterans;**

19 **“(b) Assisting and referring veterans to county and local providers**
20 **of support services and programs for food, shelter and health care**
21 **within the county;**

22 **“(c) Assisting county veterans’ service officers or state veterans’**

1 service officers in developing, planning and implementing outreach to
2 local veterans; and

3 “(d) Assisting county veterans’ service officers or state veterans’
4 service officers by providing administrative services, including handl-
5 ing of telephone calls, scheduling client appointments, greeting cli-
6 ents, doing client intake, distributing materials, doing mailings, and
7 handling, scanning and copying of documents and files.

8 “(4) The county governing body or the department, as appropriate,
9 shall:

10 “(a) Conduct a fingerprint-based criminal records check on an ap-
11 plicant for a volunteer veterans’ guide position prior to appointing the
12 person to the position; and

13 “(b) Require the volunteer veterans’ guide to sign an oath of
14 confidentiality relating to all information received by the guide that
15 relates to clients and applicants or recipients of veterans’ benefits or
16 public assistance, including but not limited to names, addresses, tele-
17 phone numbers, and personal, financial and medical information.

18 “(5) The volunteer veterans’ guide shall serve as a volunteer and
19 receive no compensation. The county or the department, as appropri-
20 ate, may reimburse the volunteer veterans’ guide for expenses, may
21 provide the guide with business cards bearing the county’s or the
22 department’s official logo and may provide the guide with office space
23 and equipment, if available or necessary. Expenditures made pursuant
24 to this subsection, if any, must be made from the county funds de-
25 scribed in ORS 408.720 or the department’s funds, as appropriate.

26 “(6) The department may provide training for volunteer veterans’
27 guides and county veterans’ service officers on implementation of this
28 section and offer opportunities for sharing innovative practices and
29 ideas.

30 “(7) As used in this section:

1 “(a) ‘Survivor’ means the spouse or a dependent of a deceased vet-
2 eran.

3 “(b) ‘Veteran’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.”.

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