A-Engrossed House Joint Resolution 202

Ordered by the House February 10 Including House Amendments dated February 10

Sponsored by Representatives EVANS, PARRISH; Representatives BOONE, ESQUIVEL, HUFFMAN, LIVELY, PILUSO, WITT (Presession 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.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to require [certain percentages] **two percent** of lottery revenues to be expended for benefit of veterans. Applies to biennia beginning on or after July 1, 2017.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 4f to be added to and made part of Article XV, such section to read:

SECTION 4f. (1) Effective July 1, 2017, two percent of the net proceeds from the State Lottery shall be deposited, from the fund created by the Legislative Assembly under paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section 4 of this Article, in a veterans' services fund created by the Legislative Assembly. The Legislative Assembly may not limit expenditures from the veterans' services fund. The Legislative Assembly may appropriate other moneys or revenue to the veterans' services fund.

- (2) In each biennium the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate all of the moneys in the veterans' services fund to provide services for the benefit of veterans. Such services may include, without limitation:
- (a) Assistance for veterans with reintegration, employment, education benefits and tuition, housing, physical and mental health care and addiction treatment programs;
- (b) Assistance for veterans, spouses of veterans or dependents of veterans in accessing state and federal benefits; and
- (c) Funding services provided by county veterans' service officers, campus veterans' service officers or nonprofit or tribal veterans' service officers.
- (3) As used in this section, "veteran" means a resident of the State of Oregon who served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

<u>PARAGRAPH 2.</u> The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state.

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