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SUMMARY

Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to conduct statewide study regarding veteran-owned small businesses no later than July 1, 2018.

Requires department to submit report regarding study to interim legislative committees no later than November 1, 2018.

Sunsets January 2, 2019.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to veterans; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) No later than July 1, 2018, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall conduct a statewide study regarding the status of small businesses owned by veterans in Oregon. The study must identify barriers to veteran-owned small business expansion and capitalization and must make recommendations to improve support and opportunities for the veteran-owned small businesses in this state. The department shall collaborate with the Oregon Business Development Department in conducting the study under this subsection.

(2) No later than November 1, 2018, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall submit a report to the interim legislative committees related to veterans' affairs regarding the study conducted in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2, 2019.

SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-

1 **clared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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