

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2891

Ordered by the House April 11
Including House Amendments dated April 11

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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 submit report to interim legislative committees, no later than July 1, 2018, regarding delivery of veterans' services.]

Establishes Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee Grant Fund. Authorizes Department of Veterans' Affairs, with approval of majority of members of Advisory Committee, to make grants from fund for purposes that benefit veterans.

Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to department to make grants that benefit veterans.

[Declares emergency, effective on passage.]

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee Grant**
5 **Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. In-**
6 **terest earned by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee Grant**
7 **Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

8 **(2) The Department of Veterans' Affairs may, with the approval of a majority of the**
9 **members of the Advisory Committee appointed under ORS 406.210, make grants in the**
10 **amount of \$25,000 to \$250,000 per recipient from the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs**
11 **Advisory Committee Grant Fund for the following purposes:**

12 **(a) Expanding outreach to veterans;**

13 **(b) Expanding services for veterans;**

14 **(c) Promoting improved mental health care for veterans;**

15 **(d) Promoting improved physical health care for veterans;**

16 **(e) Promoting housing security for veterans;**

17 **(f) Promoting employment opportunities and stability for veterans;**

18 **(g) Promoting education and training opportunities for veterans;**

19 **(h) Promoting transportation accessibility and availability for veterans;**

20 **(i) Promoting veterans' organizations that provide critical services for veterans within a**
21 **community, region or on a statewide basis; and**

22 **(j) Supporting existing programs identified by the Advisory Committee in accordance with**
23 **Article XV, section 4f, of the Oregon Constitution.**

24 **(3) Meetings of the Advisory Committee at which the approval of the Advisory Committee**
25 **for grants made under this section is considered are subject to ORS 192.610 to 192.690 gov-**

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 **erning public meetings.**

2 **(4) The department, with the advice and approval of the Advisory Committee, may adopt**
3 **rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The rules shall include, but are**
4 **not limited to, requirements for eligibility for grants from the Oregon Department of**
5 **Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee Grant Fund.**

6 **(5) Moneys in the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee Grant**
7 **Fund consist of:**

8 **(a) Moneys transferred from the Oregon State Lottery Fund created under Article XV,**
9 **section 4 (4)(d), of the Oregon Constitution;**

10 **(b) Moneys appropriated or otherwise transferred to the Oregon Department of Veterans'**
11 **Affairs Advisory Committee Grant Fund by the Legislative Assembly;**

12 **(c) Earnings received on moneys in the fund;**

13 **(d) Amounts donated to the fund; and**

14 **(e) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any source.**

15 **(6) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Veterans'**
16 **Affairs to make grants under this section that will be for the benefit of veterans.**

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