

House Bill 2908

Sponsored by Representatives PILUSO, PARRISH; Representatives EVANS, HELM, LIVELY, Senators MANNING JR, MONNES ANDERSON

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 **as introduced**.

Creates position of Veteran Volunteer Coordinator in Department of Veterans' Affairs and specifies responsibilities.

Requires report to Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2020.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department to establish position.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to volunteer coordinator services for veterans; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. The position of Veteran Volunteer Coordinator is created in the Department**
4 **of Veterans' Affairs. The responsibilities of the coordinator include, but are not limited to,**
5 **all of the following:**

6 (1) **Developing and establishing a statewide Veterans Volunteer Program and establishing**
7 **policies and procedures for the program;**

8 (2) **Developing and implementing a training program and training materials for the pro-**
9 **gram;**

10 (3) **Managing volunteer recruitment and screening and coordinating the services of the**
11 **veteran volunteers;**

12 (4) **Creating electronic records, including but not limited to, records that track volunteer**
13 **activities and veterans who have been contacted by volunteers; and**

14 (5) **Educating and coordinating volunteers and partners, including but not limited to care**
15 **facilities, veterans' service officers, the Department of Human Services, offices of the Aging**
16 **and Disability Resource Connection and others regarding the needs of aging veterans and the**
17 **needs of the veteran volunteers.**

18 **SECTION 2. No later than September 15, 2020, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall**
19 **prepare and submit a report to the standing and interim committees of the Legislative As-**
20 **sembly that have authority over the subject area of veterans' affairs regarding the imple-**
21 **mentation and status of the position of Veteran Volunteer Coordinator and the Veterans**
22 **Volunteer Program. The report shall include, at a minimum, information regarding the fol-**
23 **lowing:**

24 (1) **The impact of the program on veterans served;**

25 (2) **The type of assistance provided by the coordinator and veteran volunteers;**

26 (3) **Data on volunteer activities and volunteer hours;**

27 (4) **Recommendations for the improvement and expansion of the services provided by the**
28 **coordinator; and**
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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 **(5) Recommendations for legislation.**

2 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
3 **ated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of**
4 **the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for the purpose of im-**
5 **plementing and administering the position of Veteran Volunteer Coordinator.**

6 **SECTION 4. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
8 **on its passage.**

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