

House Bill 3174

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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**.

Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement one or more pilot programs statewide to provide training, job placement services, financial assistance, technical support and business creation assistance to veterans in construction and construction materials industries.

Permits moneys in Veterans' Services Fund established pursuant to constitutional provision to develop, implement and maintain pilot programs.

Requires report to Legislative Assembly regarding status of pilot programs by September 15, 2018.

Sunsets pilot programs on December 31, 2019.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to workforce assistance to veterans in construction industry; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

4 (a) **"Veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.**

5 (b) **"Veteran" includes a disabled veteran as defined in ORS 408.225.**

6 (2) **The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall develop and implement one or more pilot**
7 **programs statewide to provide training, job placement services, financial assistance, techni-**
8 **cal support and business creation assistance to veterans in the construction and con-**
9 **struction materials industries. The purpose of the pilot programs is to help veterans**
10 **successfully transition from military service to the workforce and the business community.**

11 (3) **The department shall implement pilot programs under this section by awarding grants**
12 **to entities involved in the construction and construction materials industries, including but**
13 **not limited to:**

14 (a) **Providers of private training programs for the purpose of providing training to vet-**
15 **erans who wish to enter the construction and construction materials workforce;**

16 (b) **Providers of employment placement services for the purpose of placing veterans as**
17 **apprentices or permanent employees within the construction and construction materials in-**
18 **dustries; and**

19 (c) **Private entities that can provide technical support and financial assistance to veter-**
20 **ans to establish veteran-owned construction and construction materials businesses.**

21 (4) **The department shall:**

22 (a) **Develop criteria for providers of private training programs and employment place-**
23 **ment services that identify and address the special skills and needs of veterans in entering**
24 **the construction and construction materials workforce; and**

25 (b) **By rule, establish processes and procedures for veterans to apply for assistance from**
26 **providers and entities identified in subsection (3) of this section.**
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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) The department may solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations from public and
2 private sources to further the purposes of this section.

3 (6) The department may use moneys in the Veterans' Services Fund established pursuant
4 to Article XV, section 4f, of the Oregon Constitution, to develop, implement and maintain the
5 pilot programs under this section.

6 (7) The department may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall prepare and submit a report to
8 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to veterans' services on or before
9 September 15, 2018, regarding the status of pilot programs developed and implemented under
10 section 1 of this 2017 Act.

11 **SECTION 3.** (1) Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31, 2019.

12 (2) All moneys for the pilot programs developed and implemented under section 1 of this
13 2017 Act that are unexpended and unobligated on the date of the repeal of section 1 of this
14 2017 Act shall revert to the Veterans' Services Fund and become available for use pursuant
15 to Article XV, section 4f, of the Oregon Constitution.

16 **SECTION 4.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
17 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
18 July 1, 2017.