

Senate Bill 81

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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 Director of Veterans' Affairs to provide statewide expertise, advocacy, coordination and assistance to veterans to assist veterans in navigating federal, state and local health care and mental health care systems for purpose of obtaining health care and mental health care.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to health care for veterans.

3 Whereas Oregon veterans face significant challenges and barriers to accessing and utilizing
4 health care and mental health care from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and state
5 and local community resources; and

6 Whereas veterans face a number of obstacles working with the complexities of the health care
7 and mental health care systems in hospitals operated by the United States Department of Veterans
8 Affairs and in community-based outpatient clinics; and

9 Whereas veterans face a number of obstacles working with the complexities of the community-
10 based health care and mental health care systems in this state; and

11 Whereas there is a growing need for statewide expertise, advocacy, coordination and support for
12 veterans who need to access health care and mental health care that is available from the United
13 States Department of Veterans Affairs and state and local community resources and to help veterans
14 navigate complex health care systems; now, therefore,

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

16 **SECTION 1. The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall provide statewide expertise, advo-**
17 **cacy, coordination and assistance to veterans to assist veterans in navigating federal, state**
18 **and local health care and mental health care systems for the purpose of obtaining health**
19 **care and mental health care.**

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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.