

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2203

By COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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1 Delete lines 4 through 7 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall develop and implement**
3 **a grant program to provide funding to Oregon counties to:**

4 **“(a) Support the operation of existing veterans’ courts; and**

5 **“(b) Support the implementation of veterans’ courts in counties that do not offer**
6 **veterans’ courts.**

7 **“(2) To be eligible for a grant under the program, a county must commit to providing**
8 **local resources or funding for veterans’ courts at a level or in amounts determined by the**
9 **commission by rule.**

10 **“(3) Under the grant program, counties may submit proposals to the commission that**
11 **describe the counties’ need for grant funding and proposed uses for grant funding. The**
12 **commission shall award grants to counties on a competitive basis, with the goal of maxi-**
13 **mizing the number of veterans who have access to veterans’ courts.**

14 **“(4) Before grant funding is disbursed to a grant recipient, the commission shall enter**
15 **into a written grant agreement with the recipient. The grant agreement must:**

16 **“(a) Set forth permissible uses for the grant funding;**

17 **“(b) Require the recipient to provide local resources or funding for veterans’ courts; and**

18 **“(c) Require the recipient to report to the commission on the expenditure of the grant**
19 **funding, at intervals and for a period that the commission deems necessary to ensure that**
20 **grant funding is expended for permissible purposes.**

21 **“(5) The commission may solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations from public and**
22 **private sources to further the purposes of this section.**

23 **“(6) The commission may adopt rules as necessary or convenient to implement the pro-**
24 **visions of this section.**

25 **“(7) As used in this section, ‘veterans’ court’ means a specialized court or court program**
26 **for defendants who are military veterans.**

27 **“SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, for the**
28 **biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$500,000 for the**
29 **purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2019 Act.”.**

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