

Requested by Representative EVANS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2203**

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **“(4) Before grant funding is disbursed to a grant recipient, the**
17 **commission shall enter into a written grant agreement with the re-**
18 **recipient. The grant agreement must:**

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

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

1 “(c) Require the recipient to report to the commission on the ex-
2 penditure of the grant funding, at intervals and for a period that the
3 commission deems necessary to ensure that grant funding is expended
4 for permissible purposes.

5 “(5) The commission may solicit and accept gifts, grants and do-
6 nations from public and private sources to further the purposes of this
7 section.

8 “(6) The commission may adopt rules as necessary or convenient
9 to implement the provisions of this section.

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

12 “SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Oregon Criminal Justice
13 Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the Gen-
14 eral Fund, the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of carrying out the
15 provisions of section 1 of this 2019 Act.”.

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