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House Bill 2139

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant Program.

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

SECTION 1. (1) **The Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant Program is established within the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Under the program, the department shall provide grants to entities to provide transportation to veterans in rural areas to access services for physical, mental or behavioral health care.**

(2) **The department shall consult with, and may enter into agreements with, state or local government entities to implement or administer the program.**

(3) **Nothing in this section requires that health care services to which transportation is provided under the program be approved under any federal benefit plan.**

(4) **Federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon are eligible to receive grants under this section.**

(5) **The department may adopt rules for the implementation and administration of the program, including eligibility requirements for grant recipients.**

(6) **As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.**

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