

# House Bill 3099

Sponsored by Representatives WRIGHT, LEWIS

## 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**.

Establishes Veterans Transportation Grant Program within Department of Veterans' Affairs. Directs department to provide grants to entities to provide transportation to veterans so that veterans may access essential services.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to transportation services for veterans.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Veterans Transportation Grant Program is established within the**  
5 **Department of Veterans' Affairs. Under the program, the department shall provide grants**  
6 **to public or private entities to provide transportation to veterans so that veterans may ac-**  
7 **cess essential services.**

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

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

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

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

16 (6) **As used in this section:**

17 (a) **"Essential services" includes physical, mental and behavioral health care services.**

18 (b) **"Veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.**

19 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
20 **ated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of**  
21 **the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_, to be expended to carry out the provisions of section**  
22 **1 of this 2021 Act.**

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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.