SUMMARY
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Directs Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to establish program to provide grants to nonprofit organization to fund care of retired law enforcement dogs. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for purposes of awarding grants. [Declares emergency, effective on passage.]

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to retired law enforcement dogs.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall establish a program to provide grants to a nonprofit organization to fund the care of retired law enforcement dogs.

(2) The department may award grants under this section to a nonprofit organization that works with and advocates for working dogs and agrees to consult on applications for funding with:

(a) A representative of the Oregon Police Canine Association; and

(b) A representative of the veterinary industry.

(3) A nonprofit organization awarded a grant under this section may provide to a caretaker of a retired law enforcement dog that meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section:

(a) Up to $1,000 per year to reimburse the caretaker for the costs of daily care and supplies for the retired law enforcement dog; and

(b) Up to $5,000 to reimburse the caretaker for emergency veterinary care for the retired law enforcement dog.

(4) A caretaker of a retired law enforcement dog is eligible to receive funding under the program established in this section if the law enforcement agency that used the law enforcement dog certifies that:

(a) The retired law enforcement dog was medically retired from a law enforcement agency in this state due to an on-the-job injury or was used by a law enforcement agency in this state for at least 36 months;

(b) The retired law enforcement dog was certified in patrol or detection; and

(c) The law enforcement agency will notify the nonprofit organization when the law enforcement dog dies.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter in italic and bracketed is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $150,000, which may be expended for the purposes of awarding grants under section 1 of this 2023 Act.