

# House Bill 2304

Sponsored by Representative LEWIS; Representatives CATE, LEVY B, OWENS (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**.

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

1  
2 Relating to retired law enforcement dogs; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

7 **(2) The department may award grants under this section to a nonprofit organization that**  
8 **agrees to consult on applications for funding with:**

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

10 **(b) A representative of the veterinary industry; and**

11 **(c) A nonprofit organization that advocates for working dogs.**

12 **(3) A nonprofit organization awarded a grant under this section may provide to a care-**  
13 **taker of a retired law enforcement dog that meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this**  
14 **section:**

15 **(a) Up to \$1,000 per year to reimburse the caretaker for the costs of daily care and sup-**  
16 **plies for the retired law enforcement dog; and**

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

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

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

25 **(b) The retired law enforcement dog was certified in patrol, drug detection or explosives**  
26 **detection; and**

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

29 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
30 **ated to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, for the biennium beginning**

**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.

1 **July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$150,000, which may be expended for the**  
2 **purposes of awarding grants under section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

3 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
4 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
5 **on its passage.**

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