

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3421**

Ordered by the House April 7  
Including House Amendments dated April 7

Sponsored by Representative EVANS; Representative HIEB

**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.

Requires official ceremony or other event held by state government to commemorate Memorial Day or Veterans Day to be held on legal holiday. Provides exception. Requires Department of Veterans' Affairs to ensure that members of public have access to attend or participate in official ceremony or other event.

*[Requires Director of Veterans' Affairs to ensure]* **Declares expectation of Legislative Assembly** that state-owned or state-maintained veterans' facilities, memorials for honoring veterans and war memorials, *except highways, are* **be** in clean condition and good repair for Memorial Day, Veterans Day and any ceremony or other event that may be held to commemorate Memorial Day or Veterans Day. **Requires Director of Veterans' Affairs to communicate expectations to all state agencies in advance of every Memorial Day and Veterans Day.**

*[Requires department to report to appropriate committee or interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15 of each year on conditions of state-owned or state-maintained veterans' facilities, memorials for honoring veterans and war memorials.]*

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to the commemoration of military service members.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) Any official ceremony or other event held by state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, to commemorate Memorial Day or Veterans Day, must be held on the respective day of the legal holiday as specified in ORS 187.010.**

**(2) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall ensure that members of the public have access to attend or participate in any official ceremony or other event held under this section.**

**(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if circumstances exist that necessitate an official ceremony or other event to be held on a day other than the legal holiday, the Director of Veterans' Affairs shall notify the presiding officers of each house of the Legislative Assembly of the circumstances, at least 30 days prior to the legal holiday to the extent possible.**

**SECTION 2. (1) It is the expectation of the Legislative Assembly that all state-owned and state-maintained veterans' facilities, memorials for honoring veterans and war memorials be in clean condition and good repair for Memorial Day, Veterans Day and any ceremony or other event that may be held to commemorate Memorial Day or Veterans Day.**

**(2) The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall communicate to all state agencies in advance of every Memorial Day and Veterans Day the expectations described in subsection (1) of this section.**

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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.