

House Bill 3421

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

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**.

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 that state-owned or state-maintained veterans' facilities, memorials for honoring veterans and war memorials, except highways, are 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 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

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2 Relating to the commemoration of military service members.

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

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

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

10 **(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the Governor may, with the concu-**
11 **rence of a two-thirds majority of both houses of the Legislative Assembly, direct that an**
12 **official ceremony or other event held under this section be held on a day different from the**
13 **legal holiday, if exigent circumstances exist that prevent the official ceremony or other event**
14 **from being held on the day of the legal holiday.**

15 **SECTION 2. (1) The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall ensure that all state-owned or**
16 **state-maintained veterans' facilities, memorials for honoring veterans and war memorials,**
17 **except highways, are in clean condition and good repair for Memorial Day, Veterans Day and**
18 **any ceremony or other event that may be held to commemorate Memorial Day or Veterans**
19 **Day.**

20 **(2) All state agencies shall cooperate with and assist the director in the performance of**
21 **the director's duties under subsection (1) of this section.**

22 **(3) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall report to an appropriate committee or in-**
23 **terim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15 of each year on the**
24 **conditions of state-owned or state-maintained veterans' facilities, memorials for honoring**
25 **veterans and war memorials.**
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