

# A-Engrossed Senate Bill 5538

Ordered by the Senate June 2  
Including Senate Amendments dated June 2

Introduced and printed pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 23 (2023) (at the request of Oregon Department of Administrative Services)

## 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.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Veterans' Affairs for certain biennial expenses.

Limits biennial expenditures by department from lottery moneys for certain purposes.

Limits certain biennial expenditures from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Account, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by department.

Limits biennial expenditures by department from federal funds.

Authorizes specified nonlimited expenditures.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the financial administration of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. There are appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for the following purposes:**

- (1) For services provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs ..... \$ 6,788,221**
- (2) For payments to counties pursuant to ORS 406.462 ..... \$ 2,036,873**
- (3) For payments to veterans' service organizations pursuant to ORS 406.310 ..... \$ 133,293**
- (4) For debt service ..... \$ 372,670**

**SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Veterans' Services Fund established under ORS 406.140 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the following purposes:**

- (1) For services provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs ..... \$ 13,322,356**

**Note: For budget, see 2023-2025 Biennial Budget**

**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       **(2) For payments to counties**
- 2           pursuant to ORS 406.462..... \$ 7,788,605
- 3       **(3) For payments to veterans'**
- 4           **service organizations**
- 5           pursuant to ORS 406.310..... \$ 541,693

6       **SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$551,000**  
7 **is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment of**  
8 **expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Devel-**  
9 **opment Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for debt service related to the**  
10 **Veterans' Affordable Housing project.**

11       **SECTION 4. (1) Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of**  
12 **\$139,034,649 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for**  
13 **payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts**  
14 **and the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Account, but excluding lottery funds and fed-**  
15 **eral funds, collected or received by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for administration,**  
16 **grants and services supplied to veterans.**

17       **(2) This section does not limit expenditures from the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking**  
18 **Account for purposes described in section 6 of this 2023 Act.**

19       **SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of**  
20 **\$3,881,025 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for**  
21 **payment of expenses from federal funds collected or received by the Department of Veterans'**  
22 **Affairs.**

23       **SECTION 6. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, expenditures by the Department**  
24 **of Veterans' Affairs for the following purposes are not limited:**

- 25       **(1) Debt service;**
- 26       **(2) Professional services and related costs associated directly with bond sales;**
- 27       **(3) Loans to veterans; and**
- 28       **(4) Payments on behalf of borrowers for property taxes, city liens, fire insurance, mort-**  
29 **gage cancellation insurance and repairs to and miscellaneous charges for borrower-owned**  
30 **property that are charged to the loan account and repaid along with the payment of loan**  
31 **interest and principal.**

32       **SECTION 7. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
33 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
34 **July 1, 2023.**