

House Bill 5038

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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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act creates an agency budget. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.8).

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

Limits biennial expenditures by the 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 the department.

Limits biennial expenditures by the department from federal funds.

Authorizes specified nonlimited expenditures.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

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, 2025, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for the following purposes:

- (1) Operations..... \$ 227,256
- (2) Appeals and special advocacy ... \$ 4,801,765
- (3) Strategic partnership..... \$ 4,286,191
- (4) Aging veteran services \$ 725,519
- (5) Debt service \$ 376,828

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, 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) Operations..... \$ 2,766,920
- (2) Appeals and special advocacy ... \$ 2,155,116
- (3) Strategic partnership..... \$ 16,342,074
- (4) Aging veteran services \$ 3,606,304

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$551,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for debt service related to the veterans' affordable housing project.

Note: For budget, see 2025-2027 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.

SECTION 4. (1) Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Account, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the following purposes:

- (a) Operations..... \$ 19,573,468
- (b) Home loan program \$ 5,902,437
- (c) Oregon Veterans' Home program \$120,222,302
- (d) Debt service \$ 1,582,846
- (e) Bond-related issuance costs..... \$ 350,000

(2) This section does not limit expenditures from the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Account for purposes described in section 6 of this 2025 Act.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$1,961,694 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from federal funds collected or received by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

SECTION 6. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, expenditures by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the following purposes are not limited:

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

SECTION 7. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect July 1, 2025.