House Bill 2033

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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.**

Creates Veterans' Merit Scholarship Program.
Appropriates moneys to Department of Veterans' Affairs for scholarships.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

1 **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2 Relating to veterans; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 SECTION 1. **(1) The Veterans' Merit Scholarship Program is created to provide scholar-**

5 **ships for veterans who are enrolled in an Oregon post-secondary institution.**

6 **(2) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall administer the program.**

7 **(3) The department shall adopt rules establishing:**

8 **(a) Criteria for scholarship awards; and**

9 **(b) Eligibility for an award.**

10 **(4) A veteran who is receiving federal veterans' education benefits is ineligible for a**

11 **scholarship under this section.**

12 **(5) A veteran eligible for a scholarship under this section:**

13 **(a) May be awarded up to $2,000 in a 12-month period.**

14 **(b) May not be awarded more than a total of $8,000 in scholarships.**

15 SECTION 2. **In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**

16 **ated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of**

17 **the General Fund, the amount of $250,000, which shall be expended for scholarships under**

18 **the Veterans' Merit Scholarship Program.**

19 SECTION 3. **This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

20 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**

21 **on July 1, 2009.**

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