

Enrolled
House Bill 2908

Sponsored by Representatives PILUSO, PARRISH; Representatives EVANS, HELM, LEWIS, LIVELY, SOLLMAN, Senators DEVLIN, MANNING JR, MONNES ANDERSON

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to volunteer coordinator services for veterans; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The position of Veteran Volunteer Coordinator is created in the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The responsibilities of the coordinator include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) Developing and establishing a statewide Veterans Volunteer Program and establishing policies and procedures for the program;
- (2) Developing and implementing a training program and training materials for the program;
- (3) Managing volunteer recruitment and screening and coordinating the services of the veteran volunteers;
- (4) Creating electronic records, including but not limited to, records that track volunteer activities and veterans who have been contacted by volunteers; and
- (5) Educating and coordinating volunteers and partners, including but not limited to care facilities, veterans' service officers, the Department of Human Services, offices of the Aging and Disability Resource Connection and others regarding the needs of aging veterans and the needs of the veteran volunteers.

SECTION 2. No later than September 15, 2020, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall prepare and submit a report to the standing and interim committees of the Legislative Assembly that have authority over the subject area of veterans' affairs regarding the implementation and status of the position of Veteran Volunteer Coordinator and the Veterans Volunteer Program. The report shall include, at a minimum, information regarding the following:

- (1) The impact of the program on veterans served;
- (2) The type of assistance provided by the coordinator and veteran volunteers;
- (3) Data on volunteer activities and volunteer hours;
- (4) Recommendations for the improvement and expansion of the services provided by the coordinator; and
- (5) Recommendations for legislation.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$245,509 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the veterans' services fund created under section 4f, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs

for the purpose of implementing and administering the position of Veteran Volunteer Coordinator created under section 1 of this 2017 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.

Passed by House June 26, 2017

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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