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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to health care for veterans.

Whereas Oregon veterans face significant challenges and barriers to accessing and utilizing health care and mental health care from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and state and local community resources; and

Whereas veterans face a number of obstacles working with the complexities of the health care and mental health care systems in hospitals operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and in community-based outpatient clinics; and

Whereas veterans face a number of obstacles working with the complexities of the community-based health care and mental health care systems in this state; and

Whereas there is a growing need for statewide expertise, advocacy, coordination and support for veterans who need to access health care and mental health care that is available from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and state and local community resources and to help veterans navigate complex health care systems; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall provide statewide expertise, advocacy, coordination and assistance to veterans to assist veterans in navigating federal, state and local health care and mental health care systems for the purpose of obtaining health care and mental health care.

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State