

House Bill 3163

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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**.

Requires Department of Veterans' Affairs, in its biennial agency request budget, to request certain level of funding. Requires Governor's budget to fund department at certain level of funding. Requires Legislative Assembly to fund department at certain level of funding.

Provides that requirements do not apply under certain negative economic conditions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to services for veterans.

3 Whereas on November 8, 2016, the voters of this state adopted Ballot Measure 96; and

4 Whereas that measure constitutionally dedicated a portion of state lottery net proceeds to fund
5 veterans' services; and

6 Whereas it was the intent of the voters that such funding be in addition to, and not in lieu of,
7 previous levels of funding for veterans' services; now, therefore,

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

9 **SECTION 1. (1) In each biennium, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall, in its**
10 **agency request budget filed under ORS 291.208, request appropriations from the General**
11 **Fund in an amount that is no less than the minimum required funding level.**

12 **(2) In each biennium, the Governor shall, in the Governor's budget required under ORS**
13 **291.202, include appropriations from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Af-**
14 **fairs in an amount that is no less than the minimum required funding level.**

15 **(3) In each biennium, the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate from the General Fund**
16 **to the Department of Veterans' Affairs an amount that is no less than the minimum re-**
17 **quired funding level.**

18 **(4) Subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section do not apply if:**

19 **(a) The last quarterly economic and revenue forecast for a biennium indicates that**
20 **moneys available to the General Fund for the next biennium will be at least three percent**
21 **less than appropriations from the General Fund for the current biennium;**

22 **(b) There has been a decline for two or more consecutive quarters in the last 12 months**
23 **in seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment; or**

24 **(c) A quarterly economic and revenue forecast projects that revenues in the General**
25 **Fund in the current biennium will be at least two percent below what the revenues were**
26 **projected to be in the revenue forecast on which the legislatively adopted budget for the**
27 **current biennium was based.**

28 **(5)(a) As used in this section, "minimum required funding level" means the amount ap-**

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 **propriated from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the biennium**
2 **beginning July 1, 2015, as adjusted under paragraph (b) of this subsection.**

3 **(b) For purposes of paragraph (a) of this subsection, the amount appropriated from the**
4 **General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the biennium beginning July 1, 2015,**
5 **is adjusted as follows:**

6 **(A) The amount does not include amounts appropriated in the biennium beginning July**
7 **1, 2015, for debt service payments; and**

8 **(B) The amount is multiplied by an inflation factor determined by dividing the Consumer**
9 **Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau**
10 **of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, for December of the year im-**
11 **mediately preceding the year in which the biennium begins by the same Consumer Price In-**
12 **dex for December 2014.**

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