

Requested by Representative WILDE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2200**

1 Delete lines 4 through 7 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall develop**
3 **and administer a revolving loan program, as described in this section,**
4 **to provide loans to individuals who have pending claims with the fed-**
5 **eral Department of Veterans Affairs.**

6 **“(2) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall enter into agree-**
7 **ments with county veterans’ service officers to receive and review**
8 **applications for loans under the program. The Department of**
9 **Veterans’ Affairs may prescribe forms and other materials for use by**
10 **county veterans’ service officers in receiving and reviewing applica-**
11 **tions. A county veterans’ service officer may approve an application**
12 **only if the application meets the criteria set forth in subsection (3) of**
13 **this section.**

14 **“(3) A county veterans’ service officer may approve a loan applica-**
15 **tion, and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs may make a loan, only**
16 **if:**

17 **“(a) The applicant demonstrates a need for the loan;**

18 **“(b) The applicant has made a claim that is pending approval with**
19 **the federal Department of Veterans Affairs for payment of:**

20 **“(A) Reimbursements for emergency medical care;**

21 **“(B) Educational benefits;**

1 “(C) Disability benefits; or

2 “(D) Aid and attendance or housebound benefits; and

3 “(c) The county veterans’ service officer determines, based on doc-
4 umentation provided by the applicant, that the applicant’s pending
5 claim is prima facie valid.

6 “(4) If a county veterans’ service officer approves a loan applica-
7 tion, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs may make a loan to the
8 applicant if the applicant gives a promissory note for the loan amount.

9 **The note:**

10 “(a) Must have a principal amount of \$5,000 or less;

11 “(b) May not carry interest; and

12 “(c) Must be payable on a date certain, subject to extension as
13 provided in subsection (5) of this section.

14 “(5) If, at the time repayment becomes due on a loan under the
15 program, the recipient’s claim with the federal Department of Veter-
16 ans Affairs remains pending and the recipient continues to meet the
17 eligibility criteria set forth in subsection (3) of this section, the De-
18 partment of Veterans’ Affairs shall extend the due date for repayment.

19 “(6) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall disburse loans
20 within three business days after a promissory note is signed.

21 “(7) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall adopt rules to ad-
22 minister and implement the provisions of this section.

23 “(8) As used in this section, ‘county veterans’ service officer’ means
24 a service officer appointed under ORS 408.410.

25 “**SECTION 2.** The Veterans’ Loan Fund is established in the State
26 Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest
27 earned by the Veterans’ Loan Fund must be credited to the fund. The
28 fund consists of moneys deposited in the fund under section 3 of this
29 2019 Act and may include moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited
30 or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise

1 and interest earned on moneys in the fund. The moneys in the fund
2 are continuously appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs
3 for the purposes specified in section 1 of this 2019 Act.

4 **SECTION 3.** There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1,
5 2019, from the Veterans' Services Fund established under ORS 406.140,
6 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the amount of \$500,000 for
7 deposit in the Veterans' Loan Fund established under section 2 of this
8 2019 Act.”

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