

HB 2153 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Veterans' Community within Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) to own and maintain residential units which house eligible residents and medical and social services for eligible residents. Defines "eligible residents." Directs ODVA Director to enter into contracts for constructions, operation, and management of veterans' community. Authorizes cities to acquire real property to sell or donate to ODVA for veterans' community and to incur debt for such acquisitions. Allocates lottery moneys to fund veterans' community.

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ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) provides a wide variety of housing assistance for veterans from home loans to skilled nursing homes; ODVA also provides assistance to veterans who are experiencing homeless or on the brink of homelessness. House Bill 2153 creates the Oregon Veterans' Community, run by the ODVA, which will be comprised of residential units for veterans and their immediate family members, as well as medical and social services; the bill also directs the ODVA Director to enter into contracts for construction, operation, and management of veterans' community. The bill gives cities the authority to purchase or otherwise acquire property to sell or donate to the ODVA for the purpose of establishing such a community; it also allocates lottery dollars to fund the Oregon Veterans' Community.