

House Bill 2139

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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**.

Establishes Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant Program within Department of Veterans' Affairs. Directs department to provide grants to entities to provide transportation to veterans in rural areas to access services for physical, mental or behavioral health care.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant Program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant Program is estab-**
5 **lished within the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Under the program, the department shall**
6 **provide grants to entities to provide transportation to veterans in rural areas to access**
7 **services for physical, mental or behavioral health care.**

8 **(2) The department shall consult with, and may enter into agreements with, state or local**
9 **government entities to implement or administer the program.**

10 **(3) Nothing in this section requires that health care services to which transportation is**
11 **provided under the program be approved under any federal benefit plan.**

12 **(4) Federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon are eligible to receive grants under this**
13 **section.**

14 **(5) The department may adopt rules for the implementation and administration of the**
15 **program, including eligibility requirements for grant recipients.**

16 **(6) As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.**
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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.