

**A-Engrossed
House Bill 2859**

Ordered by the House April 13
Including House Amendments dated April 13

Sponsored by Representative EVANS; Representative WRIGHT (Presession filed.)

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.

Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to [*study and make recommendations regarding improvements to operations of department. Requires department to submit report on findings by January 1, 2023.*] **fill and utilize certain positions.**

**Allocates lottery moneys from Veterans' Services Fund for specified purposes.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to veterans; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall fill and utilize the following positions:

(1) Three full-time equivalent positions for the department's function as the state approving agency for veterans' education and training;

(2) One full-time equivalent position for campus veterans programming; and

(3) One full-time equivalent position for the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program established under section 1, chapter 527, Oregon Laws 2019.

SECTION 2. There are allocated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, from the Veterans' Services Fund, to the Veterans' Department of Veterans' Affairs Dedicated Lottery Fund, the following amounts for the following purposes:

**(1) Veteran Educational Bridge
Grant Program \$ 325,000**

**(2) Campus veteran resource
center grant program \$ 500,000**

**(3) Department of Veterans'
Affairs Veteran Services
Grant Fund \$ 250,000**

**(4) Grants to counties for
veterans' courts \$ 100,000**

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.

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.