

House Bill 2829

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session 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 **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement grant program to provide funding to Oregon counties for veterans' courts.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to veterans' courts.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall develop and implement a grant**
4 **program to provide funding to Oregon counties to:**

5 (a) Support the operation of existing veterans' courts; and

6 (b) Support the implementation of veterans' courts in counties that do not offer veterans'
7 courts.

8 (2) To be eligible for a grant under the program, a county must commit to providing local
9 resources or funding for veterans' courts at a level or in amounts determined by the de-
10 partment by rule.

11 (3) The minimum amount of a grant under the program is \$25,000 per biennium. The
12 maximum amount is \$100,000 per biennium.

13 (4) Under the grant program, counties may submit proposals to the department that de-
14 scribe the counties' need for grant funding and proposed uses for grant funding. The de-
15 partment shall award grants to counties on a competitive basis, with the goal of maximizing
16 the number of veterans who have access to veterans' courts.

17 (5) The department shall consult with the Advisory Committee established under ORS
18 406.210 in determining which grant proposals to fund and in what amounts.

19 (6) Before grant funding is disbursed to a grant recipient, the department shall enter into
20 a written grant agreement with the recipient. The grant agreement must:

21 (a) Set forth permissible uses for the grant funding;

22 (b) Require the recipient to provide local resources or funding for veterans' courts; and

23 (c) Require the recipient to report to the department on the expenditure of the grant
24 funding, at intervals and for a period that the department deems necessary to ensure that
25 grant funding is expended for permissible purposes.

26 (7) The department may solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations from public and
27 private sources to further the purposes of this section.

28 (8) The department may adopt rules as necessary or convenient to implement the pro-
29 visions of this section.

30 (9) As used in this section, "veterans' court" means a specialized court or court program
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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.

1 **for defendants who are military veterans.**

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