

# Enrolled Senate Bill 5538

Introduced and printed pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 23 (2023) (at the request of Oregon Department of Administrative Services)

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AN ACT

Relating to the financial administration of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** There are appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for the following purposes:

- (1) For services provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs ..... \$ 6,788,221
- (2) For payments to counties pursuant to ORS 406.462..... \$ 2,036,873
- (3) For payments to veterans' service organizations pursuant to ORS 406.310..... \$ 133,293
- (4) For debt service..... \$ 372,670

**SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Veterans' Services Fund established under ORS 406.140 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the following purposes:

- (1) For services provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs ..... \$ 13,322,356
- (2) For payments to counties pursuant to ORS 406.462..... \$ 7,788,605
- (3) For payments to veterans' service organizations pursuant to ORS 406.310..... \$ 541,693

**SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$551,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for debt service related to the Veterans' Affordable Housing project.

**SECTION 4.** (1) Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$139,034,649 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Account, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for administration, grants and services supplied to veterans.

(2) This section does not limit expenditures from the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Account for purposes described in section 6 of this 2023 Act.

**SECTION 5.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$3,881,025 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from federal funds collected or received by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

**SECTION 6.** For the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, expenditures by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the following purposes are not limited:

- (1) Debt service;
- (2) Professional services and related costs associated directly with bond sales;
- (3) Loans to veterans; and
- (4) Payments on behalf of borrowers for property taxes, city liens, fire insurance, mortgage cancellation insurance and repairs to and miscellaneous charges for borrower-owned property that are charged to the loan account and repaid along with the payment of loan interest and principal.

**SECTION 7.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect July 1, 2023.

Passed by Senate June 16, 2023

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