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Bill Title: Relating to veterans.

# Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Veterans' Affairs, Oregon Health Authority

#### **Summary of Fiscal Impact**

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 158,527	\$-	\$ 10,213	\$ 64,131	\$ 232,871	1	0.75
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 158,527	\$-	\$ 10,213	\$ 64,131	\$ 232,871	1	0.75
2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$-	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	-	-

## **Measure Description**

The measure adds "Veteran-specific personal health navigator" as a new type of Traditional Health Worker.

## **Fiscal Analysis**

The fiscal impact of the measure on OHA is \$232,871 total funds and one limited duration full-time position (0.75 FTE). The fiscal impact reflects implementation costs in 2025-27. Ongoing costs are indeterminate and are dependent on the number of individuals who apply and are approved to become veteran-specific personal health navigators. Should the workload increase significantly, OHA may return to the legislature to request additional resources in 2027-29.

Adding a new type of Traditional Health Worker will require program and system upgrades. To facilitate program changes, one Program Analyst 1 position will work with the Traditional Health Worker Commission to modify rules, applications, and training to include veteran-specific personal health navigators. The estimated cost for this position, including personal services and position-related services and supplies costs is \$161,245 total funds. OHA will contract with a vendor to modify the workforce registry and applicant portal to add and store a new certification type and associated data. OHA estimates these updates will take approximately 750 contract hours and estimates contract costs to be \$71,626 total funds.

The measure has no fiscal impact on the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

#### **Relevant Dates**

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.