

Legislative Fiscal Office 83<sup>rd</sup> Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session

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Bill Title: Relating to funding for disabled veterans; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Veterans' Affairs, Counties

# **Summary of Fiscal Impact**

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Department of Veterans'							
Affairs	\$ 2,000,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 2,000,000	1	0.83
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	1	0.83

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Department of Veterans'							
Affairs	\$ 2,000,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 2,000,000	1	1.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 2,000,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 2,000,000	1	1.00

• The fiscal impact does not include duplicative Other Funds expenditure limitation necessary to expend General Fund revenue deposited by the measure into the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund. Additional Other Funds expenditure limitation will be needed to properly budget for the impact of the measure if it is adopted.

# **Measure Description**

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to provide grants to disabled veterans for accessibility resources at residences inhabited by disabled veterans if the residence is owned by the veteran or a family member thereof. ODVA shall prioritize providing grants to disabled veterans with an income not exceeding 80% of the area median income in which the veteran resides. ODVA shall consult and coordinate with county veterans' service officers to provide grants to disabled veterans. The measure directs ODVA to submit a report on the grant program to an interim legislative committee related to veterans by December 15 of each even-numbered year.

The measure establishes the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund, which is continuously appropriated to ODVA to provide the proposed grants to disabled veterans. The measure appropriates \$2 million General Fund to ODVA in the 2025-27 biennium, which shall be deposited into the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund.

# **Fiscal Analysis**

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$2 million General Fund and one position (0.83 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium; and \$2 million General Fund and one position (1.00 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium. Additionally, ODVA will need \$2 million Other Funds expenditure limitation to provide grants to disabled veterans from the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund.

### FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To implement the measure, ODVA will need one permanent, full-time Program Analyst 3 position (0.83 FTE) to create, administer, and monitor the proposed grant program. The estimated cost of this position, including position-related services and supplies, is \$231,652 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium and \$272,982 General Fund in the 2027-29 biennium. This fiscal impact assumes that the cost of the position is included in the \$2 million General Fund appropriation deposited by the measure into the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund. Therefore, ODVA will use the remaining \$1.8 million in the 2025-27 biennium, and the remaining \$1.7 million in the 2027-29 biennium, to provide grants to disabled veterans.

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on counties.

### **Relevant Dates**

The measure takes effect 91 days after adjournment sine die.

The measure requires ODVA to submit its first report to the Legislature by December 15, 2026. This first reporting requirement sunsets on January 2, 2027; however, ODVA will still be required to report to the Legislature by December 15 of every even-numbered year.