



Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: HB 2845 - A

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SUMMARY

Digest: Makes many changes to ODVA laws. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.8)

Declares that it is the goal of the Legislative Assembly to fund the Department of Veterans' Affairs in an amount that is not less than \$10,000,000, from the General Fund, in 2015 dollars, adjusted for inflation.

Requires the Director of Veterans' Affairs to add additional full-time positions within the department. Creates in the department the position of Veterans Employment Coordinator.

Requires the director to be a veteran who has received a discharge or release under other than dishonorable conditions. Allows the director to appoint a deputy director, subject to approval by the Governor.

Directs the department to develop and implement one or more pilot programs for suicide prevention and workforce training and preparation. Allows moneys in the Veterans' Services Fund to be used for the pilot programs.

Directs the director to distribute moneys appropriated for county veterans' service officer programs on a quarterly basis.

Directs the department to provide a report on the quarterly distribution process.

Changes who is allowed to request county veteran discharge records.

Increases from \$5,000 to \$10,000, the cap on the individual grant amount that is allowed under the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program.

Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to work with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission and the Judicial Department to develop a plan for establishing and maintaining a veterans' court in each county or judicial district.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts records related to an individual's separation or discharge from military service from the requirement that public records that are more than 25 years old are available for public inspection.



If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain information about an individuals separation or discharge from the military after 25 years.