

House Bill 2521

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Makes ODVA do a study on the status of small businesses owned by veterans. Tells ODVA to submit a report on its findings. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.4).

Requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to conduct a statewide study on the status of small businesses owned by veterans. Directs the department to submit a report on the study to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to veterans no later than November 1, 2026. Sunsets January 2, 2027.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to veteran-owned small businesses; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall conduct a statewide study**
5 **regarding the status of small businesses owned by veterans in Oregon. The study must**
6 **identify barriers to veteran-owned small business expansion and capitalization and must**
7 **make recommendations to improve support and opportunities for the veteran-owned small**
8 **businesses in this state.**

9 **(2) The department shall collaborate with the Oregon Business Development Department**
10 **in conducting the study under subsection (1) of this section.**

11 **(3) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall submit a report on the study conducted**
12 **under subsection (1) of this section in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include**
13 **recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-**
14 **lated to veterans no later than November 1, 2026.**

15 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

16 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
17 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
18 **on its passage.**

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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.