

House Bill 2859

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: This Act tells ODVA and the Governor to ask for funds for ODVA at a certain level and tells the legislature to fund ODVA at that level. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.3).

Requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs, in its biennial agency request budget, to request a certain level of funding. Requires the Governor's budget to fund the department at a certain level of funding. Requires the Legislative Assembly to fund the department at a certain level of funding.

Provides that the requirements do not apply under certain negative economic conditions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to services for veterans.

3 Whereas on November 8, 2016, the voters of this state adopted Ballot Measure 96; and

4 Whereas that measure constitutionally dedicated a portion of state lottery net proceeds to fund
5 veterans' services; and

6 Whereas it was the intent of the voters that such funding be in addition to, and not in lieu of,
7 previous levels of funding for veterans' services; now, therefore,

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

9 **SECTION 1. (1) In each biennium, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall, in its**
10 **agency request budget filed under ORS 291.208, request appropriations from the General**
11 **Fund in an amount that is no less than the minimum required funding level.**

12 **(2) In each biennium, the Governor shall, in the Governor's budget required under ORS**
13 **291.202, include appropriations from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Af-**
14 **fairs in an amount that is no less than the minimum required funding level.**

15 **(3) In each biennium, the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate from the General Fund**
16 **to the Department of Veterans' Affairs an amount that is no less than the minimum re-**
17 **quired funding level.**

18 **(4) Subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section do not apply if:**

19 **(a) The last quarterly economic and revenue forecast for a biennium indicates that**
20 **moneys available to the General Fund for the next biennium will be at least three percent**
21 **less than appropriations from the General Fund for the current biennium;**

22 **(b) There has been a decline for two or more consecutive quarters in the last 12 months**
23 **in seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment; or**

24 **(c) A quarterly economic and revenue forecast projects that revenues in the General**
25 **Fund in the current biennium will be at least two percent below what the revenues were**
26 **projected to be in the revenue forecast on which the legislatively adopted budget for the**
27 **current biennium was based.**

28 **(5)(a) As used in this section, "minimum required funding level" means the amount ap-**

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.

1 **propriated from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the biennium**
2 **beginning July 1, 2015, as adjusted under paragraph (b) of this subsection.**

3 **(b) For purposes of paragraph (a) of this subsection, the amount appropriated from the**
4 **General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the biennium beginning July 1, 2015,**
5 **is adjusted as follows:**

6 **(A) The amount does not include amounts appropriated in the biennium beginning July**
7 **1, 2015, for debt service payments; and**

8 **(B) The amount is multiplied by an inflation factor determined by dividing the Consumer**
9 **Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau**
10 **of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, for December of the year im-**
11 **mediately preceding the year in which the biennium begins by the same Consumer Price In-**
12 **dex for December 2014.**

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