

House Concurrent Resolution 5

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: Urges the state to spend on veterans at least as much as the state spent on veterans during an earlier period of time. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.1).

Resolves that the Legislative Assembly should appropriate from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs an amount that is no less than the amount appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as adjusted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) It is the intention of the Legislative Assembly to appropriate from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs an amount that is no less than the amount appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as adjusted under subsection (2) of this resolution.

(2) For purposes of subsection (1) of this resolution and the appropriation bill that is enacted to carry out the intent of this resolution, the amount appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, should be adjusted as follows:

(a) The amount may not include amounts appropriated in the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, for debt service payments; and

(b) The amount should be multiplied by an inflation factor determined by dividing the Consumer Price Index for December 2024 by the Consumer Price Index for December 2014.

(3) As used in this concurrent resolution, "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

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.