

House Bill 2904

Sponsored by Representative EVANS; Representatives MEEK, POST (at the request of former Representative Carla Piluso) (Presession 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**.

Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish and administer program to acquire and manage residential properties for benefit of veterans who are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing, housing instability. Authorizes department to enter into agreements with private entities to administer program.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to housing for veterans.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall establish and administer a
5 program to purchase and manage residential properties for the benefit of veterans, as de-
6 scribed in this section.

7 (2) Under the program, the department shall purchase single-family or multifamily resi-
8 dential properties from moneys in the Veterans Housing Capacity Investment Fund estab-
9 lished under section 3 of this 2021 Act. When acquiring a property, the department may not
10 pay more than 90 percent of the fair market value of a property.

11 (3) The department shall rent or otherwise temporarily provide properties acquired under
12 the program to veterans who are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing, housing in-
13 stability. The department shall enter into a lease agreement with a veteran before providing
14 a property to the veteran. The lease agreement must contain terms adequately protecting
15 the department's interest in the property.

16 (4) The department shall take the following factors into account when determining
17 whether to acquire a particular property:

18 (a) The proximity of the property to veterans who are experiencing, or are at risk of
19 experiencing, housing instability; and

20 (b) The proximity of the property to agencies or entities that provide services to veter-
21 ans.

22 (5) The department may enter into agreements with private entities to administer the
23 program described in this section.

24 (6) The department may sell or otherwise dispose of properties acquired under this sec-
25 tion, if the department determines that doing so is in the best interest of veterans. Any
26 moneys derived from the sale or disposal of a property under this section must be deposited
27 in the Veterans Housing Capacity Investment Fund.

28 (7) The department shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.

29 (8) As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.

30 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall establish and utilize the office of

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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1 **the Housing Security Coordinator to manage the program established under section 1 of this
2 2021 Act and to carry out other duties as may be established by law.**

3 **SECTION 3. The Veterans Housing Capacity Investment Fund is established in the State
4 Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Veterans Housing Capacity In-
5 vestment Fund consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the
6 fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the fund are continuously appro-
7 priated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this
8 2021 Act.**

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