Enrolled Senate Bill 5539

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AN ACT

Relating to the financial administration of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and declaring an emergency.

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

<u>SECTION 1.</u> There are appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for payment of expenses for services supplied to veterans:

- (1) For services provided by the Department of
 - Veterans' Affairs \$ 4,764,628
- (2) For payments to counties pursuant to ORS 406.310
 - and 406.462 \$ 4,199,840
- (3) For payments to veterans' service organizations pursuant to ORS 406.310...... \$ 113,940

<u>SECTION 2.</u> There is appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,618,940 for debt service.

SECTION 3. (1) Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$82,257,619 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Account, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for administration, grants and services supplied to veterans.

(2) This section does not limit expenditures from the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Account for purposes described in section 5 of this 2015 Act.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$1 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from federal funds collected or received by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> For the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, expenditures by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the following purposes are not limited:

(1) Debt service;

- (2) Professional services and related costs associated directly with bond sales;
- (3) Loans to veterans; and
- (4) Payments on behalf of borrowers for property taxes, city liens, fire insurance, mortgage cancellation insurance and repairs to and miscellaneous charges for borrower-owned property that are charged to the loan account and repaid along with the payment of loan interest and principal.

SECTION 6. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect July 1, 2015.

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