

House Bill 3319

Sponsored by Representative ESQUIVEL

SUMMARY

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Establishes minimum amount that Legislative Assembly must appropriate to Department of Veterans' Affairs in each biennium, apart from appropriations from veterans' services fund established under Ballot Measure 96 (2016). Provides that minimum amount of appropriations is total amount of appropriations to department in 2015-2017 biennium, adjusted for inflation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to state financial administration.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) In each biennium, the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate to the De-**
5 **partment of Veterans' Affairs an amount that is not less than the product of:**

6 (a) **The total amount appropriated to the department in the 2015-2017 biennium; and**

7 (b) **The ratio of the cost of living for the calendar year immediately preceding the**
8 **biennium for which the appropriation is being made to the cost of living for the 2016 calendar**
9 **year, based on changes in the Consumer Price Index as defined in ORS 327.006 or a similar**
10 **indicator of inflation.**

11 (2) **During each odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly, the**
12 **Legislative Fiscal Officer shall calculate the minimum amount to be appropriated to the de-**
13 **partment.**

14 (3) **The Legislative Assembly may appropriate to the department less than the minimum**
15 **amount specified by subsection (1) of this section if three-fifths of the members serving in**
16 **each house of the Legislative Assembly vote to do so.**

17 (4) **For purposes of this section, the following are appropriations:**

18 (a) **An authorization that is given by law to expend moneys in a biennium.**

19 (b) **A limitation that is imposed by law on the expenditure in a biennium of moneys that**
20 **are continuously appropriated.**

21 (c) **Estimated amounts of moneys that are continuously appropriated to be spent in a**
22 **biennium without limitation.**

23 (5) **Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, the following are not appropriations**
24 **for purposes of this section:**

25 (a) **An authorization to expend moneys from the veterans' services fund described in**
26 **Article XV, section 4f, of the Oregon Constitution.**

27 (b) **A limitation on the expenditure in a biennium of moneys that are continuously ap-**
28 **propriated from the veterans' services fund described in Article XV, section 4f, of the Oregon**
29 **Constitution.**

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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.