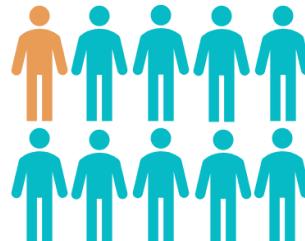




What does House Bill 2094 do?

The bill allows OHCS to expand the definition of "Veteran" in Oregon to include those legally identified by the United States Veterans Administration. Currently, Veterans discharged for pregnancy, Don't Ask Don't Tell, or Other Than Honorable Discharge can't access OHCS programs. **HB 2094** only changes the definition for OHCS programs. The bill also includes



In Oregon, one out of every ten people who are experiencing homelessness is a veteran.

Why do it?

A population of vulnerable Oregonians who've served our country cannot access needed housing stability resources. This change would allow OHCS to serve all Oregonians who are considered veterans by the federal Veteran's Administration and provide flexibility to overtaxed service providers by lessening rigid discharge document requirements.

\$1,552,900

OHCS has provided more than \$1 million in **down payment assistance** for Oregon veterans.
(July 2019-Dec 2020)

100%

Financing is available for federal VA home loans through the Oregon Bond Residential Loan Program.

What are the exact changes provided by HB 2094?

- The Veterans definition for OHCS programs will be defined through OHCS rulemaking instead of using ORS 408.225. This will only impact document recording fee funding programs (Homeownership Assistance Program, General Housing Account Program, and Emergency Housing Assistance).
- This change also allows the OHCS Director to designate someone to make housing finance bond declarations on the Director's behalf (ORS 456.548 (7)).
- Added by request of Legislative Counsel:
 - Changes to the definition of "qualified housing sponsor" in ORS 456.548 (16)
 - Clarifies that OHCS may approve or disapprove of housing sponsors (ORS 456.920 (2))
 - Removes unnecessary reference to ORS 456.548 in ORS 456.725 (1)