

**REVENUE:** May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boquist, Cowan, Schaufler, Barker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Scott
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Jim Keller, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/10, 4/19, 4/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows members of the Oregon National Guard to enroll in specified classes at state institutions of higher education or community colleges at no cost. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2007

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Difference between the Oregon National Guard and the reserves
- Recruiting and retention challenges for the Oregon National Guard

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Removes retired member of the Oregon National Guard. Requires that the Guard member be academically qualified for higher education and not already possess a baccalaureate or higher degree. Provides that enrolled students on a waiting list be offered the opportunity to enroll. Requires the Oregon Military Department to reimburse the state institution of higher education the full amount of the total tuition or 75 percent if federal funds are not available.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 3308 allows members of the Oregon National Guard to attend at no charge limited enrollment classes that are not filled by the enrollment deadline.