

# A-Engrossed House Bill 2571

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## 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.

Allows **certain** veterans with honorable discharges to pay tuition and fees at [*Oregon resident*] **discounted** rates. [*Removes residency requirements for persons receiving educational benefits for veterans.*] **Exempts from discounted rates distance education and self-support courses.**

**Requires certain state institutions of higher education and community colleges to participate in certain federal educational assistance programs.**

**Becomes operative upon adoption of certain regulations by United States Department of Defense.**

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to veterans' educational benefits; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) A state institution of higher education listed in ORS 352.002 or a com-**  
5 **munity college shall charge an enrolled student who is not a resident of this state and who**  
6 **is attending classes as an undergraduate on a public university or community college campus**  
7 **in this state tuition and fees no greater than the resident rate plus 50 percent of the differ-**  
8 **ence between the resident rate and the nonresident rate if the student served in the Armed**  
9 **Forces of the United States and was relieved or discharged from that service under honor-**  
10 **able conditions.**

11 **(2) Every state institution of higher education listed in ORS 352.002 and community col-**  
12 **lege in this state shall participate to the fullest extent allowed in the federal educational**  
13 **assistance programs under the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-252) so as**  
14 **to reduce the overall tuition rate for students eligible for tuition rate reduction under sub-**  
15 **section (1) of this section to the resident tuition rate.**

16 **(3) A person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and who receives**  
17 **federal tuition benefits in excess of the tuition and fees the person is charged under sub-**  
18 **section (1) of this section at a state institution of higher education listed in ORS 352.002 or**  
19 **a community college where the person is enrolled shall pay tuition and fees equal to the**  
20 **federal tuition benefits received.**

**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.

1           **(4) Distance education and self-support courses as identified by each state institution of**  
2 **higher education listed in ORS 352.002 and community college are exempt from the tuition**  
3 **reduction provisions of this section.**

4           **(5) If a nonresident student otherwise eligible for tuition benefits under this section is**  
5 **receiving federal vocational rehabilitation education benefits, that student shall pay full**  
6 **nonresident tuition and fees charged by a state institution of higher education listed in ORS**  
7 **352.002 or a community college.**

8           **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2009 Act becomes operative upon adoption of regulations**  
9 **by the United States Department of Defense implementing section 3317 of the Supplemental**  
10 **Appropriations Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-252). The Chancellor of the Oregon University System**  
11 **shall notify the Legislative Counsel upon adoption of the regulations.**

12           **SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
13 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**  
14 **on its passage.**