

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 **as introduced**.

Allows veterans with honorable discharges to pay tuition and fees at Oregon resident rates. Removes residency requirements for persons receiving educational benefits for veterans.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to veterans' educational benefits; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 408.010 and
3 408.020.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) A state institution of higher education listed in ORS 352.002 or a com-**
6 **munity college shall charge an enrolled student tuition and fees no greater than the resident**
7 **rate if the student served in the Armed Forces of the United States and was relieved or**
8 **discharged from that service under honorable conditions.**

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

14 **SECTION 2.** ORS 408.010 is amended to read:

15 408.010. As used in ORS 408.010 to 408.090, unless otherwise required by the context, "benefici-
16 ary" means any person who served in the active Armed Forces of the United States on or after June
17 25, 1950, **and** who was relieved or discharged from that service under honorable conditions [*and who*
18 *was also a resident of Oregon at the time the person applied for benefits under ORS 408.010 to*
19 *408.090*]. "Beneficiary" does not include an alien, an alien enemy, a person who avoided combat
20 service by claiming to be a conscientious objector, a person who served less than 90 days in the
21 Armed Forces of the United States or a person inducted or enlisted in the military or naval service
22 who received civilian pay for civilian work.

23 **SECTION 3.** ORS 408.020 is amended to read:

24 408.020. (1) Beneficiaries who desire to pursue an approved course of study or professional
25 training in or in connection with any accredited state or other public school or accredited private
26 school or accredited college shall have the right and privilege of state financial aid as provided in
27 ORS 408.010 to 408.090.

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 (2) State financial aid is payable at the rate of \$150 per month for each month of full-time study
2 or training and \$100 per month for each month of part-time study or training.

3 (3) The total number of monthly payments under subsection (2) of this section may not exceed
4 the total number of months served in the Armed Forces of the United States or 36, whichever is less.

5 (4) The Director of Veterans' Affairs may permit a beneficiary to attend a school or college
6 outside of this state upon a satisfactory showing that the training required is not available in an
7 accredited institution within this state. **A beneficiary who is not a resident of Oregon at the**
8 **time the person applies for benefits under ORS 408.010 to 408.090 is not eligible to receive the**
9 **benefit provided under this subsection.**

10 (5) A beneficiary may not receive payments or benefits under ORS 408.010 to 408.090 at the same
11 time that the beneficiary is receiving educational aid under any federal Act based upon prior service
12 in the Armed Forces. Time spent by a person who applies for benefits under ORS 408.010 to 408.090
13 in the army specialized training program, the Navy V-12 program or other like training program
14 may not be counted as service in the Armed Forces within the purview of ORS 408.010.

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