

Senate Bill 925

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST; Senators ATKINSON, FERRIOLI, GEORGE, GIROD, KRUSE, METSGER, MORSE, STARR, WHITSETT, Representatives BENTZ, CAMERON, FREEMAN, HUFFMAN, OLSON, G SMITH, THATCHER, WHISNANT (at the request of Oregon War Veterans Association)

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**.

Establishes Oregon Graduate and Professional Education Program for Veterans.
Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Student Assistance Commission for tuition grants for 2009-2011 biennium.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to graduate education programs for veterans; and appropriating money.

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

SECTION 1. (1) For the purposes of this section, "eligible post-secondary institution" and "qualified student" have the meaning given those terms in ORS 348.180.

(2) There is established within the Oregon Student Assistance Commission the Oregon Graduate and Professional Education Program for Veterans. To the extent funds are made available, the commission shall award grants for all or part of the tuition of a qualified student who:

(a) Was discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States under honorable conditions; and

(b) Is enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program at an eligible post-secondary institution.

(3) The commission, in consultation with the Department of Higher Education, may adopt rules necessary for the implementation and administration of this section.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000 for grants awarded under section 1 of this 2009 Act.

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.