

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 338

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Measure Description:

Expands post-secondary institution tuition waiver for children, spouses and unremarried surviving spouses of deceased or disabled veterans to include community college students.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure expands the post-secondary institution waiver for children, spouses, and unremarried surviving spouses of deceased or disabled veterans to include community college students. The measure stipulates that the maximum waiver that can be granted for a certificate or associate degree from a community college cannot exceed the total number of credit hours equivalent to two years of full-time attendance at an eligible post-secondary institution.

Over the previous three years, Oregon community colleges have voluntarily issued 44 waivers to students that qualified as dependents of veterans for a total of \$52,261.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The impact of the waivers to be awarded is indeterminate to community colleges depending on the number of eligible participants, overall demand, the length of time the participants are enrolled, up to a maximum of 108 credit hours, and the method in which the waivers are awarded. Currently, community colleges have provided waivers to students after all other campus-based financial aid packages have been applied. The potential reduction of tuition revenue may be greater if community colleges choose to issue the waiver prior to applying other campus-based financial aid packages.