

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
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Meeting Dates:	5/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires state institutions of higher learning to allow military recruitment on campus on an equal footing with other employment recruitment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Equity for military recruitment
- Compliance with federal policy
- Levels of access and support from institutions of higher education
- Success of programs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2006, the United States Supreme Court unanimously upheld the Solomon Amendment, which states that, in order to receive federal money, colleges and universities must allow military recruiters on campus. The Court found textual support under the U.S. Constitution granting Congress the power to “provide for the common defense” and “to raise and support armies.” The federal government cannot insist on any predetermined level of access, only what other employers receive. Representatives of the Oregon University System confirm that this measure is consistent with current access and job recruitment practices on state college campuses. The Oregon National Guard recruiters report positive reception at the majority of institutions of higher learning, but seek codification of federal policy and law into Oregon Revised Statutes.

House Bill 3336-A requires all state community colleges, universities and the Oregon Health and Science University to allow members and agents of the Armed Forces of the United States to recruit on campus under rules and standards established for other employment recruitment activities. The measure requires that a college or university must allow recruiters to set up booths at job fairs and to set up interviews with students, insofar as university or college officials grant the same opportunities to other employment recruitment.

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