

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 6 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel, Witt

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/26, 5/3, 5/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires board of education of each community college district, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to develop standards for community colleges to implement a process to give credit for education and training obtained by person while serving in the United States Armed Forces, and to develop methods for informing qualified individuals about potential credit for education and training.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Standardization needed among community colleges for granting credit to veterans
- American Council of Education (ACE) guidelines
- Use of ACE guidelines by University system

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Legislative Task Force on Veterans' Reintegration, established by Senate Bill 700 (2009), determined that college credit for a veteran's military education and training should be standardized in Oregon Universities, colleges and community colleges. ORS 341.533 allows, but does not require, community colleges to give Armed Forces personnel credit for military education and training. The Oregon University System generally uses the ACE guidelines to determine credit amounts for specific military training and education. Currently, the ACE system of credit allocation is not uniformly applied at Oregon's seventeen community colleges, resulting in different credit allocations.

Senate Bill 275 requires community colleges to establish and implement standards, such as ACE, for consistent credit allocation for education and training obtained while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The measure also requires community colleges to give credit for military education, training and skills that meet the standards.