

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce Development by prior reference
Vote:	4 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/9, 2/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires board of education of community college district to develop implementation standards for granting credit for education and training obtained while serving in United States Armed Forces. Requires that community college give credit for education or training that meets standard. Directs board to develop method to inform person who served in Armed Forces about potential credit for education and training.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Differences in how Oregon University System and community colleges grant credit for military education and training
- Development and implementation of standards for granting credit
- American Council on Education credit allocation guidelines
- Consistency of credit allocation among community colleges

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 allocated consistently in Oregon universities, colleges, and community colleges. The Oregon University System generally uses the American Council on Education (ACE) guidelines to determine credit amounts for specific military training and education. The ACE system of credit allocation is not uniformly applied at Oregon's community colleges, resulting in a variety of different credit allocations. ORS 341.533 allows, but does not require, community colleges to give Armed Forces personnel credit for military education and training.

Senate Bill 275 changes current law by requiring community colleges to establish and implement standards for consistent credit allocation for education and training obtained while serving in the Armed Forces. Senate Bill 275 also requires that community colleges give credit for education or training that meets those standards.