

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1563 - A

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Measure Description:

Extends certain rights and benefits to members of commissioned corps of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Requires community colleges to provide a tuition waiver for the children and spouses of a member of the Armed Forces who died on active duty or was 100 percent disabled and died as a result of the disability.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Oregon University System (OUS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Please 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 rights and benefits extended to members of commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have no fiscal impact to the state. The required community college tuition waiver is estimated to have the following impact:

The Community Colleges and Workforce Development Department (CCWD) using data from the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs and the 2010 U.S. Census estimates that there are 132 eligible spouses and 248 eligible children of Oregon servicepersons that were killed in Iraq and Afghanistan (based on the assumption of one spouse and two children for each). CCWD also assumes that 25% of the spouses and children will attend a community college; the spouses within the next four years and the children within the next ten years, with an even annual distribution of each. Based on an average annual tuition of \$3,663, and assuming tuition costs do not increase, the estimated total tuition waived would be \$52,945 in the 2011-13 biennium and \$211,780 in the 2013-15 biennium. It is not clear whether community colleges would recognize the waiver as a reduction in tuition revenue or an expense.