

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Education and Workforce Development

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/28, 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires public universities and community colleges to charge in-state tuition for all honorably discharged veterans regardless of residency. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Encouraging veterans to come to Oregon
- Veterans' reputations as well-motivated, well-qualified people
- Support for the idea that veterans have earned the right go to any university they choose

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: University and community college students in Oregon pay lower tuition if they are residents, and higher tuition if they are nonresidents. If they are nonresident *veterans*, they pay less than other nonresidents, but still more than residents. (Current law requires the resident rate plus half of the difference between resident and nonresident rates for nonresident veteran undergraduates (ORS 352.375).) Senate Bill 820 requires the same tuition for students who are veterans, regardless of residency, as for students who are residents.