

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage 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: 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 idea, as veterans have earned right go to any university they choose
- Whether measure is identical to House Bill 2158 (2013)
- Number of amendments to House Bill 2158
- Confusion about fiscal and revenue impact
- Approach of "first Chamber deadline"

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No 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. Under current law, a nonresident veteran undergraduate will pay resident rate plus half of the difference between resident and nonresident rates (ORS 352.375). Senate Bill 820 requires the same tuition for students who are veterans, regardless of residency, as for students who are residents.