

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 4 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Cheyenne Ross, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 5/9, 5/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Instructs health professional regulatory boards to license spouse or domestic partner of active servicemembers. Requires qualifying spouse or domestic partner show competency and one year teaching experience or provision of services in past three. Allows health professional regulatory boards to issue temporary licenses under certain circumstances. Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to establish rule expediting licensure for military spouses or domestic partners of active servicemembers. Requires military spouses or domestic partners be licensed to teach in another state and subject to military transfer to Oregon. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Defense Department and Oregon Military Department support
- No opposition

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Many occupations require a state license or certification based on state-specific conditions and processes, which can contribute to periods of unemployment when people move from one state to another. In general, military spouses are more likely than their civilian counterparts to be relocated, as a function of their partner's military service. The delays and added expense of repeated licensure from state-to-state, can inhibit military spouses' ability to work in their chosen field. In Oregon, it is estimated that there are 933 active duty spouses, 53 percent of whom are employed and 34 percent of whom are licensed.

House Bill 2037A requires health professional regulatory boards and the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, under certain circumstances, to issue licenses to practice or teach, to spouses or domestic partners of active servicemembers who are subject to military transfer to Oregon.