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House Bill 2158

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Allows nonresident veterans discharged under other than dishonorable conditions to pay tuition and fees at Oregon resident rates.]

Directs public universities and community colleges to charge nonresident veteran who is undergraduate student tuition and fees no greater than resident rate if nonresident veteran was discharged under other than dishonorable conditions and attended elementary or secondary school in any state or territory, District of Columbia or Commonwealth of Puerto Rico within five years immediately prior to receiving high school diploma or leaving school before receiving high school diploma, attended elementary or secondary school in this state within three years immediately prior to receiving high school diploma or leaving school before receiving diploma and received high school diploma from secondary school in this state or received equivalent of high school diploma.

Where nonresident veteran who is undergraduate or graduate student does not meet specified requirements, directs public universities and community colleges to charge nonresident veteran tuition and fees no greater than resident rate plus 50 percent of difference between resident rate and nonresident rate.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to veterans' educational benefits; creating new provisions; amending ORS 352.375; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 352.375 is amended to read:

6 352.375. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college shall charge an
7 enrolled student who is not a resident of this state and who is attending classes as an undergraduate
8 **or graduate student** on a public university or community college campus in this state:

9 (a) Tuition and fees no greater than the resident rate plus 50 percent of the difference between
10 the resident rate and the nonresident rate if the student served in the Armed Forces of the United
11 States, *[and]* was relieved or discharged from that service under *[honorable conditions.]* **other than**
12 **dishonorable conditions and does not meet the requirements of paragraph (b) of this sub-**
13 **section.**

14 (b) Tuition and fees as provided in subsection (2) of this section if the student served in
15 the Armed Forces of the United States, was relieved or discharged from that service under
16 **other than dishonorable conditions and:**

17 (A) During each of the three years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma
18 or leaving school before receiving a high school diploma, attended an elementary or a sec-
19 ondary school in this state;

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(B) During each of the five years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma**
2 **or leaving school before receiving a high school diploma, attended an elementary or a sec-**
3 **ondary school in any state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or the**
4 **Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and**

5 **(C) Received a high school diploma from a secondary school in this state or received the**
6 **equivalent of a high school diploma.**

7 **(2)(a) If an undergraduate student meets the requirements of subsection (1)(b) of this**
8 **section, a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college shall charge the**
9 **student tuition and fees no greater than the resident rate.**

10 **(b) If a graduate student meets the requirements of subsection (1)(b) of this section, a**
11 **public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall charge the student tuition and fees no greater**
12 **than the resident rate plus 50 percent of the difference between the resident rate and the**
13 **nonresident rate.**

14 *[(2) Every public university listed in ORS 352.002 and community college in this state shall par-*
15 *ticipate to the fullest extent allowed in the federal educational assistance programs under the Supple-*
16 *mental Appropriations Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-252) so as to reduce the overall tuition rate for students*
17 *eligible for tuition rate reduction under subsection (1) of this section to the resident tuition rate.]*

18 **(3) A person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and who receives federal**
19 **tuition benefits in excess of the tuition and fees the person is charged under subsection (1) or (2)**
20 **of this section at a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college where the person**
21 **is enrolled shall pay tuition and fees equal to the federal tuition benefits received.**

22 **(4) Distance education and self-support courses as identified by each public university listed in**
23 **ORS 352.002 and community college are exempt from the tuition reduction provisions of this section.**

24 **(5) If a nonresident student otherwise eligible for tuition benefits under this section is receiving**
25 **federal vocational rehabilitation education benefits, that student shall pay full nonresident tuition**
26 **and fees charged by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college.**

27 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 352.375 by section 1 of this 2013 Act apply only to**
28 **persons admitted to a community college or public university in Oregon on or after the ef-**
29 **fective date of this 2013 Act.**

30 **SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
31 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
32 **on its passage.**

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