

# 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 **as introduced**.

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

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to veterans' educational benefits; amending ORS 352.375; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

352.375. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college shall charge an enrolled student who is not a resident of this state and who is attending classes as an undergraduate on a public university or community college campus in this state tuition and fees no greater than the resident rate [*plus 50 percent of the difference between the resident rate and the nonresident rate*] if the student served in the Armed Forces of the United States and was relieved or discharged from that service under [*honorable*] **other than dishonorable** conditions.

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**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.