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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2158

1 On <u>page 1</u> of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, delete "creating new 2 provisions; amending ORS 352.375;".

3 Delete lines 5 through 19 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 "<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) As used in this section:

5 "(a) 'Child' means a child, adopted child or stepchild of a veteran.

6 "(b) 'Eligible post-secondary institution' means:

7 "(A) A public university listed in ORS 352.002.

8 "(B) The Oregon Health and Science University.

9 "(c) 'Qualified student' means a veteran, a child or a spouse or 10 unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran.

11 "(d) 'Veteran' means a person, alive or deceased, who:

"(A) Served as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States
as defined in ORS 348.282;

"(B) Was relieved or discharged from service in the Armed Forces
 of the United States under other than dishonorable conditions; and

"(C) Was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat. "(2)(a) Subject to subsections (3) to (8) of this section, an eligible post-secondary institution shall waive tuition and academic fees for a qualified student for courses that may lead to a baccalaureate degree or a master's degree.

"(b) A qualified student who received a tuition and academic fee
 waiver under this section for a baccalaureate degree may also qualify

1 for a tuition and academic fee waiver for a master's degree.

"(3)(a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, the maximum
 amount of tuition waived under this section shall be as follows:

"(A) For a baccalaureate degree, the total number of credit hours
that equals four years of full-time attendance at an eligible postsecondary institution.

"(B) For a master's degree, the total number of credit hours that
equals two years of full-time attendance at an eligible post-secondary
institution.

"(b) For each type of degree listed in paragraph (a) of this sub section, the amount of tuition waived may not exceed the total num ber of credit hours required for the qualified student to graduate with
 a baccalaureate degree or a master's degree.

"(4) Tuition may be waived under this section only for credit hours
 for courses that are offered by an eligible post-secondary institution
 and are available for enrollment.

"(5) The amount and type of academic fees waived under this sec tion shall be established by rules adopted or applied by the eligible
 post-secondary institution.

"(6) The amount of tuition and academic fees waived under this 20section may be reduced by the amount of any federal aid scholarships 21or grants, awards from the Oregon Opportunity Grant program es-22tablished under ORS 348.205, or any other aid from the eligible post-23secondary institution, received by the qualified student. For the 24purposes of this subsection, 'federal aid scholarships or grants' does 25not include Chafee Education and Training Grant vouchers (P.L. 26107-133). 27

"(7) A qualified student may receive a waiver under this section if
 the student:

30 "(a) At the time of application for a waiver, is considered a resident

of this state for the purpose of determining tuition to be paid at an
 eligible post-secondary institution; and

"(b) Has been admitted to an eligible post-secondary institution for
a baccalaureate degree program or for a master's degree program.

"(8)(a) A child who applies for a waiver of tuition and academic fees
under this section must be 23 years of age or younger at the time the
child applies for the waiver.

"(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a child who
is older than 23 years of age is eligible for a waiver of tuition and academic fees under this section for a master's degree if the child:

"(A) Applied for and received a waiver of tuition and academic fees
 under this section for a baccalaureate degree when the child was 23
 years of age or younger; and

"(B) Applied for the waiver of tuition and academic fees for a
 master's degree within 12 months of receiving the baccalaureate de gree.

17 "<u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 1 of this 2013 Act applies only to persons ad-18 mitted to an eligible post-secondary institution in Oregon on or after 19 the effective date of this 2013 Act.

20 "<u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate 21 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is 22 declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.".

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