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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness  
House Bill 4021**

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The Oregon University System (OUS) is pleased to offer testimony in support on HB 4021. Currently, OUS supports veteran students through a variety of benefits, including the Veterans Dependent Tuition and Fee Waiver, which now includes children of Purple Heart recipients, and the Voyager Program for Reservists and the National Guard. In addition, OUS provides a nonresident veteran tuition discount for students enrolled prior to fall 2013, and an exemption from nonresident tuition rates for veteran undergraduate students enrolled beginning in fall 2013.

HB 4021 would extend the latter benefit to nonresident graduate students that have been admitted for enrollment beginning fall 2014, with campuses seeing a minimal fiscal impact. OUS has worked closely with Representative Matthews and the House Committee on Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness on this measure and we are pleased to support the expansion of the nonresident veteran tuition waiver to graduate students.

Should you have additional questions about the measure, please do not hesitate to contact OUS by way of the contact information below.

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