

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	4 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Enables Oregon to join Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. Sunsets December 31, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact and how to reduce it
- Dues calculations based on one dollar per child
- Ambiguity of language as to what state entity, if any, would be responsible for implementation
- Other states that eliminate fiscal by using volunteers to fulfill obligations created by measure
- Other alternatives that may be available to eliminate fiscal, but need further investigation
- Federal “impact aid” received directly by school districts for each child of military parents
- Task forces established in other states and met for a year to work out implementation issues
- Other states with much larger numbers of military personnel

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies model language specific to Oregon, including replacing “local education agency” with “state education agency” and adding definition; using Oregon’s language to create State Council; and clarifying use of existing data rather than creating new data collection requirement. Adds sunset in 2019.

BACKGROUND: Children whose parents are in the military often have to change schools as their parents are transferred from one military base to another. Each local school district has its own set of rules, policies and procedures for how it treats transferred students. For children with parents in the military, these different rules, policies and procedures can make it difficult to transfer schools.

An interstate compact, in addition to being a state law, is a contract among and between the states who are parties to it; consequently, a state may not unilaterally change the material terms of the contract by changing state law.

House Bill 1506A creates the necessary structure for Oregon to join the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.