

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Sprenger
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Boquist

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issue

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and as Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 24 – 0 – 2

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays:

Exc: McLane

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Thomsen

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Meeting Date: March 5, 2014

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: SB 1506 enables Oregon to join Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and establishes the State Council for Educational Opportunity for Military Children. In addition, the bill clarifies that Council members are volunteers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History and need of the compact
- Impact on the state from Coast Guard and Merchant Marine members and their families
- Membership of the Council

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies membership of the Council and that members are volunteers.

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.

In addition to being a state law, an interstate compact 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 1506 creates the necessary structure for Oregon to join the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.