

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Education

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 5/12, 5/14

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows in-state tuition in specified circumstances for individuals who resided in Oregon but relocated due to position in military, government or humanitarian aid organization and subsequently served in military, government or humanitarian aid organization. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Difficult for individuals to establish residency if serving in military, government or humanitarian aid organization
- Examples of qualifying organizations, such as Doctors Without Borders or Peace Corps
- Inability to receive in-state tuition may deter individuals from service, or from higher education in Oregon
- Uncontroversial nature of the measure and broad support

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, ORS 352.375 allows for in-state tuition to be assessed by public universities and community colleges for veterans of the United States Armed Forces who return to Oregon following their service outside of the state.

House Bill 2670-A extends in-state tuition to individuals who leave Oregon in order to complete state, federal, or non-governmental organization service, return to Oregon within a five year period following service, and have not established residency in another state. In addition to the U.S. military, state, federal or non-governmental organization service includes, but is not limited to, organizations such as Doctors Without Borders, diplomatic duty or other State Department assignments, and the Peace Corps.

This measure passed with unanimous support out of the House Committee on Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development and off the House floor.