

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/01/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 03/18, 04/01

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Gallegos, Hayden, Johnson, McKeown, Nearman, Read, Reardon, Whisnant, Williamson

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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:

- Inability of serving families to establish residency for purpose of paying in-state tuition
- Significant deterrent to military, humanitarian and government service

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Adds requirement that individual who left state to serve actually served.

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.