

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Education

MEASURE: HB 2670 A
CARRIER: Sen. Beyer

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/14/15

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 05/12, 05/14

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Baertschiger Jr, Gelser, Hass, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

Exc: 1 - Beyer

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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, international position with state, federal government, or humanitarian aid organization. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Individual serving in military, government, or humanitarian aid organization may have trouble establishing residency due to position
- Current lack of access to in-state tuition if residency is not established
- Inability to receive in-state tuition may deter individuals from service, or from higher education in Oregon
- Examples of qualifying organizations, such as Doctors Without Borders or Peace Corps
- Uncontroversial nature of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No 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.