

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 2670**

Sponsored by Representative BUCKLEY; Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, DOHERTY, FAGAN, FREDERICK, GOMBERG, HELM, HOLVEY, HOYLE, KENY-GUYER, KOMP, LININGER, LIVELY, MCKEOWN, NEARMAN, PILUSO, REARDON, TAYLOR, VEGA PEDERSON, WILLIAMSON (Presession filed.)

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AN ACT

Relating to in-state tuition at post-secondary institutions of education; creating new provisions; amending ORS 351.657 and 352.375; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 352.375, as amended by section 1, chapter 28, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended to read:

352.375. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college shall charge an enrolled student who is not a resident of this state and who is attending classes as an undergraduate or graduate student on a public university or community college campus in this state tuition and fees no greater than the resident rate if the student:

(a)(A) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States;

[(b)] (B) Was relieved or discharged from that service with either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions; and

[(c)] (C) Provides proof that the student has established a physical presence in Oregon within 12 months of being enrolled at the public university or community college[.];

**(b) Was a resident of Oregon who left the state within the previous five years in order to serve, and who subsequently served, in the Armed Forces of the United States or in an international position with the state, federal government or a humanitarian aid organization; or**

**(c)(A) Was a resident of Oregon who left the state more than five years ago in order to serve, and who subsequently served, in the Armed Forces of the United States or in an international position with the state, federal government or a humanitarian aid organization; and**

**(B) Since leaving the state in the manner provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, has never established residence in another state.**

(2) A person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States **or in an international position with the state, federal government or a humanitarian aid organization** and who receives federal tuition benefits in excess of the tuition and fees the person is charged under subsection (1) of this section at a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college where the person is enrolled shall pay tuition and fees equal to the federal tuition benefits received.

(3) Distance education and self-support courses as identified by each public university listed in ORS 352.002 and community college are exempt from the tuition reduction provisions of this section.

(4) If a nonresident student otherwise eligible for tuition benefits under this section is receiving federal vocational rehabilitation education benefits, that student shall pay full nonresident tuition and fees charged by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college.

**SECTION 2.** ORS 351.657 is amended to read:

351.657. The State Board of Education and the State Board of Higher Education shall report annually on or before February 1 to committees of the Legislative Assembly related to veterans and military affairs and to higher education regarding students who have received tuition relief and assistance under ORS 351.656 and 352.375 including but not limited to the following:

(1) The number of nonresident veterans who were assessed reduced tuition rates under ORS 352.375 and the amount of nonresident tuition moneys not assessed as a result of receiving the reduced tuition rates under ORS 352.375;

(2) **The number of former Oregon residents who were assessed reduced tuition rates under ORS 352.375 and the amount of nonresident tuition moneys not assessed as a result of receiving the reduced tuition rates under ORS 352.375;**

[(2)] (3) The number of qualified students receiving tuition waivers under ORS 351.656, the amount of tuition waived and the relationship of the qualified student to a service member or Purple Heart recipient under ORS 351.656; and

[(3)] (4) Any other relevant information.

**SECTION 3.** The amendments to ORS 352.375 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply only to persons admitted as new students for enrollment at a public university or community college on or after September 15, 2015.

**SECTION 4.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

Passed by House April 7, 2015

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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