

House Bill 2670

Sponsored by Representative BUCKLEY (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows in-state tuition in certain circumstances for individuals who resided in Oregon but relocated due to position in military, government or humanitarian aid organization.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

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

7 352.375. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college shall charge an
8 enrolled student who is not a resident of this state and who is attending classes as an undergraduate
9 or graduate student on a public university or community college campus in this state tuition and
10 fees no greater than the resident rate if the student:

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

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

14 [(c)] (C) Provides proof that the student has established a physical presence in Oregon within
15 12 months of being enrolled at the public university or community college[.];

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

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

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

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

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

31 (4) If a nonresident student otherwise eligible for tuition benefits under this section is receiving

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 federal vocational rehabilitation education benefits, that student shall pay full nonresident tuition
2 and fees charged by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college.

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

4 351.657. The State Board of Education and the State Board of Higher Education shall report
5 annually on or before February 1 to committees of the Legislative Assembly related to veterans and
6 military affairs and to higher education regarding students who have received tuition relief and as-
7 sistance under ORS 351.656 and 352.375 including but not limited to the following:

8 (1) The number of nonresident veterans who were assessed reduced tuition rates under ORS
9 352.375 and the amount of nonresident tuition moneys not assessed as a result of receiving the re-
10 duced tuition rates under ORS 352.375;

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

14 [(2)] (3) The number of qualified students receiving tuition waivers under ORS 351.656, the
15 amount of tuition waived and the relationship of the qualified student to a service member or Purple
16 Heart recipient under ORS 351.656; and

17 [(3)] (4) Any other relevant information.

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

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

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