

HB 3423 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Exempts Oregon National Guard members who have completed initial active duty training from compliance with requirement that applicant attained highest level of prior education within six months of the date that the applicant first enrolled in community college courses, in order to qualify for Oregon Promise grant.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Clarifies that in order to qualify for grant, member must enroll in community college courses within six months of completing initial active duty training, as evidenced by an official form issued by the U.S. Department of Defense.

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BACKGROUND:

The Oregon National Guard consists of the Oregon Army National Guard and Oregon Air National Guard, and is charged with supporting the Oregon Governor during unrest or natural disaster. It is also a reserve force to the United States Air Force and United States Army.

Initial active duty training typically takes Oregon National Guard members between 3.5 to 12 months to complete, and military regulation requires completion within 24 months. While some soldiers are recruited in high school and attend the first phase of basic training between their junior and senior year, many individuals' active duty training schedules prevent them from being able to attend community college within six months of graduation, making them ineligible for the Oregon Promise grant program.