

SB 1557 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides rights to students at community colleges, public universities, or Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) who are ordered to active duty for 30 days or fewer. Allows students to complete missing assignments or exams, allows teachers to award grades without requiring students to complete assignments or exams, and prevents missed assignments or exams that are completed after the student's return from adversely impacting the student's grades. Applies to students ordered to active duty after the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Provides rights to students at community colleges, public universities, or Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) who are ordered to active duty for 30 days or fewer. In accordance with policies and practices for excused absences, allows students to complete missing assignments or exams, allows teachers to award grades without requiring students to complete assignments or exams, and prevents missed assignments or exams that are completed after the student's return from adversely impacting the student's grades. Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to adopt rules. Applies to students ordered to active duty after the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

-2 Replaces the measure. Provides rights to students at community colleges, public universities, or Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) who are ordered to active duty for 30 days or fewer. In accordance with policies and practices for excused absences, allows students to complete missing assignments or exams, allows teachers to award grades without requiring students to complete assignments or exams, and prevents missed assignments or exams that are completed after the student's return from adversely impacting the student's grades. Allows Higher Education Coordinating Commission to adopt rules relating to scholarships and grants funded by community colleges, public universities, or by the agency. Applies to students ordered to active duty after the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, the Oregon legislature enacted protections for higher education students ordered to active duty for more than 30 days. HB 1557 extends certain protections to students ordered to active duty for 30 or fewer days.