

SB 1557 A -A3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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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 student, in accordance with policies and practices for excused absences, 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 (HECC) 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.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A3 Clarifies that the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may adopt rules for the administration of scholarships and grants that are funded by the Office of Student Access and Completion.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, the Oregon Legislature enacted protections for higher education students ordered to active duty for more than 30 days. House Bill 1557 A would extend certain protections to students ordered to active duty for 30 or fewer days.