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To: Education Subcommittee

From: Doug Wilson, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: March 1, 2018

Subject: BILL 4035-A – Relating to tuition assistance for members of the Oregon National Guard --Work Session Recommendations

HB 4035-A establishes a program to provide tuition assistance for eligible members of the Oregon National Guard who attend a community colleges or public university located in Oregon. A qualified participant must maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 and is working toward an Associate's or Bachelor's degree. The bill limits the number of credit hours the program will pay for to 90 credits at a community college and 180 hours at a public university. The expectation is that the eligible Guard member will not have to pay for any tuition when factoring in other federal and state assistance and the payments under the program.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A5 amendment.

This amendment tightens up the language so it is clear that this state tuition assistance is calculated and paid out after factoring in the federal and state grants and other assistance they are eligible for into the amount assistance paid on behalf of the Guard member. The amendment also provides a \$2.5 million General Fund appropriation for the tuition assistance payments and funding for administrating the program.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A5 amendment to BILL 4035. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that BILL 4035, as amended by the -A5 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move BILL 4035, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____