

HB 4040 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 02/13/18

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Post

Exc: 1 - Parrish

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Military Department (OMD) to establish and administer the Oregon Military Families Education and Workforce Preparedness Scholarship (Scholarship) with a corresponding advisory committee to provide up to \$2,500 per academic year to qualifying Oregon National Guard members, veterans, and their family members. Funds Scholarship from moneys in the Veterans' Service Fund, not allocated for other uses or \$250,000, whichever is less.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Declining recruitment in the Oregon National Guard
- Incentives for Oregon National Guard recruitment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

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

The state of Oregon does not currently provide tuition assistance for members of the Oregon National Guard. House Bill 4040 creates a scholarship for Oregon veterans and National Guard members and their family members.