

SB 312 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon public universities and community colleges to charge in-state tuition to non-resident Native American or Alaska Native students who graduated from an Oregon public or private high school. Applies to undergraduate and graduate students. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2018, 888 American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN) students were enrolled in Oregon public universities, representing .9 percent of the total student population. In the same year, 3,025 AI/AN students were enrolled in Oregon community colleges. In 2018-19, the average undergraduate tuition and fees for public universities was \$10,111 (in-state) and \$27,860 (nonresident). In 2017-18, the average tuition and fees for community colleges was \$5,172 (resident) and \$9,994 (nonresident, non-boarder states).