

SB 688 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows professional licensing body to accept current out-of-state certification of spouse of member of Armed Forces stationed in Oregon. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Whether trades in particular will have flexibility to test for Oregon-specific knowledge
- Relatively small number of benefit recipients anticipated in most practice areas

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Requires report to the Legislature from licensing boards, including those governed by statutes applicable to health professions, containing specified data, by December 31 each year.

BACKGROUND:

In 2012 the legislature passed House Bill 4063, to require certain professional licensing entities to accept an applicant's substantially-similar military training or experience in lieu of the education or experience required to be licensed. This measure was followed by House Bill 2037 in 2013, to similarly expedite the issuance of professional licensing or certification for service members' spouses and domestic partners. Then in 2014, House Bill 4057 was enacted to compel regulatory and licensing bodies impacted by the previous two measures, to report to the Legislature on implementation by October 1, 2014.

Senate Bill 688 goes a step further, to permit licensing boards to accept a service member's spouse's out-of-state professional certification while the service member is stationed in Oregon.