

HB 3030 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows state professional licensing board to issue temporary authorization to work if person is person meets all three of the following criteria: is spouse of U.S. Armed Forces member stationed in Oregon, holds current authorization issued by another state, and provides board sufficient proof that person is in good standing with out-of-state licensing board. Directs board to revoke temporary authorization when spouse completes term of military service in Oregon or when out-of-state authorization expires. Becomes operative January 1, 2020. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Requires board to determine that requirements of out-of-state license are substantially similar to Oregon's requirements before providing temporary authorization. Provides that temporary authorization is valid for two years or until either of the two disqualifying events occurs, whichever occurs first.

BACKGROUND:

The National Conference of State Legislatures reports that 66 percent of military spouses are in the workforce, and that 25 percent of military spouses have a bachelor's degree and 10 percent hold an advanced degree. Despite the level of education, nearly one-third of military spouses are underemployed. According to a 2015 report on occupational licensing issued by the White House, more than 25 percent of workers require a license to do their jobs, with most of those licenses being issued by a state agency.

House Bill 3030 directs state licensing agencies to issue temporary authorization to work in the regulated field to people who are married to member of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in Oregon if the person holds a license from another state and is in good standing with that out-of-state licensing board