

HB 2571 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows current or former foster child under 25 years of age to be eligible for tuition waiver if enrolled in courses totaling one or more credit hours at an institution of higher education and pursuing undergraduate degree. Applies to tuition and fee waivers granted for 2019-2020 academic year. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Creating assurances to require children have access to tuition waiver, and creating promotional material to further material on waiver
- Number of former foster care students taking advantage of tuition waiver

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3471 (2011) provided waivers of tuition and fees for students with experience in Oregon's foster care system if enrolled at a public institution of higher education. In order to qualify for the waiver, students must be under 25 years of age, enrolled as an undergraduate student, and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. House Bill 2571 would provide a tuition waiver for former foster care children if they enroll in a course totaling one or more credit hours.