

April 29, 2019

Senate Business and General Government Committee

Reference: HB 3030

Dear Chair Riley and members of the Senate Business and General Government Committee,

On behalf of USAA (United Services Automobile Association), we ask for your support of HB 3030, Occupational Licensing Reciprocity. HB 3030 will enable professionals with certifications in other states to work in Oregon without significant hurdles — supporting military spouses and those who move frequently for other reasons. Since 1922 USAA has provided insurance and banking services exclusively to our nation's military members and their families and has proudly supported efforts to hire military spouses and veterans.

HB 3030 will greatly assist our military veterans and their spouses when they leave active duty military service, transition to civilian life, and choose to make Oregon their home state by removing licensing barriers. HB 3030 proposes to expand the removal of these barriers to entering the workforce to all individuals choosing to make their residency here in our great state.

HB 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, is in good standing with that out-of-state licensing board, and demonstrates competency. This well-crafted and thoughtful legislation ensures the individual is effectively trained and well-equipped to transition into the Oregon workforce, helping to strengthen Oregon's economy.

Please support HB 3030 to help break down occupational barriers for Oregon's military families.

Thank you for your consideration of USAA's position on this matter.

Sincerely,

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