

HB 2817 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands a grant program managed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to eligible National Guard students at private educational institutions and Oregon Health and Science University, as well as to certificate of completion programs at any of the eligible institutions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to recruit and retain National Guard members
- Tuition assistance is a valuable tool

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4035 (2018) directed the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to offer full resident tuition assistance to qualifying members of the Oregon Army National Guard and Oregon Air National Guard. The assistance is provided in the form of grants to Guard members who are enrolled at one of 17 community colleges or at one of Oregon's seven public universities, including: the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University, the Oregon Institute of Technology, Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, and Eastern Oregon University.