SB 690 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date:	02/20/19
Action:	Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Education. (Printed A-Engrossed.)
Vote:	4-0-0-0
Yeas:	4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney
Fiscal:	Fiscal impact issued
Revenue:	No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates:	2/13, 2/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Lifts sunset on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. Adds Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction and members of State Board of Education to Compact council. Changes meetings from every three months, to annually. Replaces Oregon Military Department with Department of Education for staffing purposes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of students currently served (about 1,703)
- Current governing council membership and practice
- Request for feedback from Coast Guard

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Makes modifications consistent with current practice: adds Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction and members of State Board of Education to Compact Council; changes meetings of Council from every three months, to annually; and replaces Oregon Military Department with Department of Education for staffing purposes.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 1506, enabling Oregon to participate in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (the Compact). The Compact is concerned with the smooth transfer of students from school to school, who are the children of military parents. An Interstate compact functions like a contract among participating states: each state enacts substantially similar provisions and avoids making unilateral changes to material terms in order to provide relative consistency from state-to-state. Oregon's participation in the Compact is scheduled to sunset December 31, 2019.

Senate Bill 690 A lifts the sunset, allowing Compact activities to continue, and makes a number of other changes consistent with the Compact's current operation: adding the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction and members of State Board of Education to the Compact council; allowing for annual meetings (instead of every three months); and replacing Oregon Military Department staff with Department of Education staff.