

**SB 312 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Alonso Leon, Rep. Sanchez

**House Committee On Education**

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**Action Date:** 05/15/19

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 8-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Neron, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman, Wallan

**Exc:** 1 - Hernandez

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/13, 5/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon public universities and community colleges to charge in-state tuition to non-resident Native American or Alaska Native students who graduated from an Oregon public or private high school. Applies to undergraduate and graduate students. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Purpose of measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2018-2019, the average undergraduate tuition and fees for public universities was \$10,111 (in-state) and \$27,860 (nonresident). In 2017-2018, the average tuition and fees for community colleges was \$5,172 (resident) and \$9,994 (nonresident, nonborder states). In 2018, 888 Native American or Alaska Native (AI/AN) students were enrolled in Oregon public universities and 3,025 AI/AN students were enrolled in Oregon community colleges. The above AI/AN student numbers reflect students that have, and have not, graduated from an Oregon high school or are Oregon residents.

Senate Bill 312 would require Oregon public universities and community colleges to charge in-state tuition to nonresident Native American or Alaska Native undergraduate and graduate students who graduated from an Oregon public or private high school.