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TO: Chair Manning, Vice Chair Thatcher, & Members of Senate Committee Veterans,
Emergency Management, Federal & World Affairs

Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

FROM: Laurie Kimmell, MSgt, USAF (Ret.)

SUBJECT: Argument in Favor of HB 3920

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1. Please accept this as my testimony for HB 3920. I am in favor of HB 3920 which updates current legislation and IAW with 38 USC Chp. 38, subsection 3501, Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance.

<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title38/part3/chapter35>

2. I would make the following verbiage adjustments amended to read in Section 1-C, line 22 add to include 38 USC 35 language below:

a. Has total disability permanent in nature as a because of military service as certified by a Medical Evaluation Board (MEB), the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. Senator Thatcher asked a specific question regarding the age change to 31 years. I would like to suggest that age 31 be struck and add age 39. The reason is that some do not get motivated until they are in their late thirties.

4. I would like to see this bill come out of committee and make it to the floor.

Thank you,

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