

HB 3015 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows a former adopted foster child under 25 years of age to have tuition and fees waived if attending an institution of higher education for purposes of pursuing initial undergraduate degree. Defines former adopted foster child as individuals who for a total of six or more months was ward of court and in legal custody of the Department of Human Services, or an Indian child subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act under jurisdiction of tribal court. Applies to 2019-2020 academic year. Applies to former adopted foster children adopted after January 1, 2012. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Changes “former adopted” foster child to “adopted former” foster child.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3471 (2011) provided waivers of tuition and fees for students with experience in Oregon’s foster care system if enrolled at a public institution of higher education. In order to qualify for the waiver, students must be under 25 years of age, enrolled as an undergraduate student, and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. House Bill 2571 would provide a tuition waiver for former foster care children if they enroll in a course totaling one or more credit hours.