

HB 2892 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school district and public charter schools to allow a student to wear a military dress uniform at high school graduation ceremony. Requires student to meet graduation and military service requirements, as specified. Applies to high school graduation ceremonies occurring on or after effective date of act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, Oregon school districts may determine appropriate dress for students at graduation ceremonies. Appropriate dress may include requiring military uniforms to be worn under graduation robes, which may be in violation of military rules. Other states have passed legislation to allow students to wear military uniforms at graduation, including California, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. House Bill 2892 permits an Oregon student to wear military dress uniforms at a graduation ceremony if the student has completed basic training, is an active member in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, and has qualified to receive a diploma or alternative certificate.