

SB 688 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows professional licensing boards to accept as authorization to provide occupational or professional services out-of-state authorization of the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is stationed in Oregon. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Senate floor vote: 28-0

No fiscal impact; no revenue impact

NOTE - MEASURE HAS SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Financial stress on military families when spouse cannot work
- Provisions of related measure, House Bill 3030
- Amendment is product of work group

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces original measure. Directs professional licensing boards to report to interim committee related to veterans on number of temporary authorizations issued to spouses or domestic partners of members of armed forces stationed in Oregon, as well as the number of such applications for which a temporary license was not granted, the amount of time used to process such applications, efforts to implement and maintain a process to issue temporary authorizations, and other related information.

BACKGROUND:

In 2012, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 4063, requiring certain professional licensing entities to accept an applicant's substantially similar military training or experience in lieu of the education or experience required to be licensed. A subsequent measure enacted the next year (House Bill 2037, 2013) similarly expedited the issuance of professional licensing or certification for service members' spouses and domestic partners; then in 2014, House Bill 4057 was enacted to direct regulatory and licensing bodies impacted by the previous two measures to report to the Legislative Assembly on implementation by October 1, 2014.

Senate Bill 688 goes a step further, to permit licensing boards to accept a service member's spouse's out-of-state professional certification while the service member is stationed in Oregon.