

## HB 2817 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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**Action Date:** 03/07/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 7-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Evans, Lewis, Meek, Neron, Wallan, Wilde, Zika

**Exc:** 1 - Findley

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/28, 3/7

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits use of higher education tuition grants offered to qualified members of the Oregon National Guard to be used for undergraduate degree programs at qualifying private, post-secondary institutions and Oregon Health and Science University.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- A small number of students applied for the grants for use at private schools in 2018
- Moneys not allocated in grants does not carry over to next year
- Measure would not apply to community colleges that offer four-year degrees

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds Oregon Health and Science University to list of qualifying institutions.

#### BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4035 (2018) directed the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to offer full resident tuition assistance to qualifying members of the Oregon Army National Guard and Oregon Air National Guard. The assistance is provided in the form of grants to Guard members who are enrolled at one of 17 community colleges or at one of Oregon's seven public universities, including: the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University, the Oregon Institute of Technology, Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, and Eastern Oregon University.

House Bill 2817-A extends eligibility for tuition assistance to members of the Oregon National Guard attending qualifying private institutions and to Oregon Health and Science University.