

SB 312 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Hansell

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/01/19

Action: Do pass and subsequent referral to Ways and Means be rescinded.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser, Hass, Heard, Thomsen, Wagner

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/11, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon public universities and community colleges to charge in-state tuition to non-resident Native American or Alaska Native students who graduated from an Oregon public or private high school. Applies to undergraduate and graduate students. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of out-of-state students at Chemawa Indian School
- Other states and in-state tuition rules for tribal members
- Poverty within Native communities
- University of Oregon's partnerships with tribal communities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2018, 888 Native American or Alaska Native (AI/AN) students were enrolled in Oregon public universities, representing 0.9 percent of the total student population. In the same year, 3,025 AI/AN students were enrolled in Oregon community colleges. In 2018-19, the average undergraduate tuition and fees for public universities was \$10,111 (in-state) and \$27,860 (nonresident). In 2017-18, the average tuition and fees for community colleges was \$5,172 (resident) and \$9,994 (nonresident, non-border states).