

HB 3030 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Business and General Government

Action Date: 04/30/19

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Girod, Hass, Olsen, Riley

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows state professional licensing board to issue temporary authorization to work if person meets all four of the following criteria: is spouse of U.S. Armed Forces member stationed in Oregon, holds current authorization issued by another state, provides sufficient proof that person is in good standing with out-of-state licensing board, and has demonstrated competency. Directs board to revoke temporary authorization when spouse completes term of military service in Oregon or when out-of-state authorization expires. Specifies that temporary authorization is not renewable. Becomes operative January 1, 2020. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Barriers to obtaining occupational license for spouse of Armed Forces service member stationed in Oregon
- Challenges of recruiting service members to Oregon
- Benefits of removing barriers to occupational license for spouse of Armed Forces service member stationed in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The National Conference of State Legislatures reports that 66 percent of military spouses are in the workforce, and that 25 percent of military spouses have a bachelor's degree and 10 percent hold an advanced degree. Despite their level of education, nearly one-third of military spouses are underemployed. According to a 2015 report on occupational licensing issued by the White House, more than 25 percent of workers are doing work that requires a license, with most of those licenses being issued by a state agency.

House Bill 3030-A allows state licensing agencies to issue temporary authorization to work in the regulated field to people who are married to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in Oregon if the person holds a license from another state, is in good standing with that out-of-state licensing board, and demonstrates competency.