

SB 802 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 04/30/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Education by prior reference

Vote: 8-0-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Evans, Findley, Lewis, Meek, Neron, Wallan, Wilde, Zika

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows military child to be considered a resident of a school district for purposes of enrollment and class placement based on official military order for transfer of the child's parent. Requires proof of residency within 10 days of date of military transfer.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of frequent moves on educational opportunities of military children
- Oregon has unusually small population of active military

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, the Legislative Assembly adopted the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The purpose of the Compact is to reduce barriers and provide consistency for children of military personnel as they transfer to new public schools by addressing enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation issues. It applies to children of active duty and recently retired, medically discharged, or deceased military personnel.

Senate Bill 802 permits families to use military orders to enroll children in school prior to moving into the district. The U.S. Department of Defense estimates that the measure would impact 650 children in Oregon.