

**SB 688 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Neron

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**Action Date:** 05/23/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Business and Labor. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 8-0-0-0

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

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/30, 5/21, 5/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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 and the reasons for not granting, the amount of time used to process such applications, efforts to implement and maintain a process to issue temporary authorizations, and other related information.

**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:**

Replaces original measure.

**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-A directs licensing boards to report annually to interim legislative committees on veterans regarding the number of temporary credentials issued to spouses and domestic partners of active-duty personnel stationed in Oregon.