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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to submit report to interim legislative committees, no later than July 1, 2020, regarding provision of veterans' services.]

[Declares emergency, effective on passage.]

Removes exclusion of students receiving federal vocational rehabilitation education benefits from section providing for resident rate tuition at public universities and community colleges for students who served, or who are dependents of someone who served, in Armed Forces or international position.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to veterans; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 350.290.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 350.290 is amended to read:

5 350.290. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college shall charge an
6 enrolled student who is not a resident of this state and who is attending classes as an undergraduate
7 or graduate student on a public university or community college campus in this state tuition and
8 fees no greater than the resident rate if the student:

9 (a)(A) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States;

10 (B) Was relieved or discharged from that service with either an honorable discharge or a gen-
11 eral discharge under honorable conditions; and

12 (C) Provides proof that the student has established a physical presence in Oregon within 12
13 months of being enrolled at the public university or community college;

14 (b) Was, or is the dependent of, a resident of Oregon who left the state within the previous five
15 years in order to serve, and who subsequently served, in the Armed Forces of the United States or
16 in an international position with the state, the federal government or a humanitarian aid organiza-
17 tion; or

18 (c)(A) Was, or is the dependent of, a resident of Oregon who left the state more than five years
19 ago in order to serve, and who subsequently served, in the Armed Forces of the United States or
20 in an international position with the state, the federal government or a humanitarian aid organiza-
21 tion; and

22 (B) Since leaving the state in the manner provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, has
23 never established residence in another state.

24 (2) A person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States or in an international posi-

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 tion with the state, the federal government or a humanitarian aid organization and who receives
2 federal tuition benefits in excess of the tuition and fees the person is charged under subsection (1)
3 of this section at a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college where the person
4 is enrolled shall pay tuition and fees equal to the federal tuition benefits received.

5 (3) Distance education and self-support courses as identified by each public university listed in
6 ORS 352.002 and community college are exempt from the tuition reduction provisions of this section.

7 *[(4) If a nonresident student otherwise eligible for tuition benefits under this section is receiving
8 federal vocational rehabilitation education benefits, that student shall pay full nonresident tuition and
9 fees charged by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college.]*

10 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 350.290 by section 1 of this 2019 Act first apply to**
11 **tuition and fees charged for the 2020-2021 academic year.**

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