

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 101 - A

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Measure Description:

Modifies eligibility requirements and grant amounts for educational grants to members of Oregon National Guard.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department (OMD), Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See analysis

Analysis:

SB 101 modifies the eligibility requirements and grant amounts for members of the Oregon National Guard. The measure requires students to accept available military assistance grants instead of state and federal aid available to the student and includes an allowance for books. The measure gives the Higher Education Coordinating Commission the ability to determine if enough grant funds are available and to adjust grant amounts if funds are insufficient.

There may be a fiscal impact to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) from this measure, but it is indeterminate at this time. HECC anticipates that it could absorb new work created by the measure -- including amending administrative rules to align with statute language and additional IT demands -- within existing resources. The new eligibility requirements and grant awarding structure in this measure may result in an increased number of participants, which could create a fiscal impact. Under this measure HECC can adjust the program to meet the budget, therefore it could have an indeterminate fiscal impact over time if the program is to continue as intended. HECC notes that increased funding for program above current service level to support any increase in the number of awards to students would require legislative action.

The Oregon Military Department does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this measure as the Higher Education Coordinating Commission administers tuition grants to Oregon National Guard members.