

SB 183 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Purple Star School Program in Department of Education to designate qualified schools that provide certain services to military-connected students and families. Requires temporary authorizations for occupational licensure for domestic partners of members of Armed Forces. Adds Space Force to definition of Armed Forces of the United States.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Removes provisions relating to Space Force.

BACKGROUND:

The Military Child Education Coalition is the national advocate for Purple Star Schools, a program that has been established in 37 states. The program is designed to designate schools that are adept at responding to the educational and social-emotional challenges that often face military-connected children in their frequent moves and transitions to new schools. The program's goals include keeping these students on track to be ready for college, career, or life after high school even as they may move from school to school or district to district many times throughout their educational careers.

In 2022, Columbia University's Center for Public Research and Leadership published a [study of the Purple Star Schools program](#). The study found that the quality of the programs varies across states, state- and district-level actors must ensure program compliance, and that Purple Star School have a positive impact on military-connected students. Senate Bill 183 establishes a Purple Star Schools program in Oregon and modifies the definition of armed forces in state law to include Space Force.