

SB 183 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/02/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 6-0-1-0

Yeas: 6 - Anderson, Dembrow, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, President Wagner, Weber

Exc: 1 - Robinson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/9, 3/2

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of Purple Star Schools
- Licensure needs of military spouses

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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, that state- and district-level actors must ensure program compliance, and that Purple Star Schools have a positive impact on military-connected students. Senate Bill 183 A establishes a Purple Star School program in Oregon and requires temporary authorizations for professional licensure for domestic partners of military personnel.