

SB 798 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure provides that members of the Oregon National Guard residing in another state are considered Oregon residents for the purpose of admission and determination of fees and tuition while attending an eligible public university.

Fiscal impact: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Difficulty in predicting the number of members and dependents who might use the benefit
- Eligibility for remote learning
- Existing eligibility of National Guard members and dependents for in-state tuition at community colleges
- Inclusion of Space Force in legislation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon currently has 7 public universities; all 7 charge higher tuition for Oregon nonresidents. Existing statute contains provisions counting members of the United States Armed Forces, active commissioned members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or Public Health Service on duty with the Army or Navy, and their spouses and children, as residents for tuition purposes if they are assigned duty at an establishment in Oregon, or establish Oregon residency by filing Oregon state income taxes no later than one year before leaving active duty. [Senate Bill 1032 \(2023\)](#) allowed for grants for qualified Oregon National Guard members to cover certain costs at specific institutions.

Senate Bill 798 would count members of the Oregon National Guard as Oregon residents for tuition purposes if they reside in another state.