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**Bill Title:** Relating to tuition benefits connected to disabled veterans; declaring an emergency.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Public Universities, Community Colleges, Oregon Health and Science University

**Summary of Fiscal Impact**

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

**Measure Description**

The measure expands tuition benefits available to disabled veterans to permit veterans who are Oregon residents and 80% or more disabled, and the spouse and children of disabled veterans, to have tuition waived for enrollment in a vocational program or an associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or master’s degree program at community colleges, public universities, and Oregon Health and Science University. The measure also prohibits the reduction of the amount of tuition that is waived by the amount of any scholarships, grants, or other aid that a qualified student receives.

**Fiscal Analysis**

The fiscal impact to community colleges, public universities, and Oregon Health and Science University is indeterminate. Since public universities and community colleges do not currently track how many disabled veterans are eligible for this program, it is unknown how many current veterans would qualify for the new tuition waiver provisions in this measure. It also unknown how many current students are family of a veteran who is 80% disabled. These changes could substantially increase the number of students who take advantage of the tuition waiver provisions. Coupled with the prohibition on reducing tuition waivers by any aid, scholarship, or grant received, the measure has the potential to reduce tuition revenues to community colleges and public universities, though the extent of the revenue reduction is unknown.

**Relevant Dates**

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.