

HB 3534 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/17/25

Action: Without recommendation as to passage, be referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development, and then to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Dobson, Harbick, Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Nguyen H, Ruiz

Exc: 1 - Wright

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies the tuition waiver available for dependents of disabled or deceased service members and Purple Heart recipients. It reduces the disability requirement for service members from 100 to 80 percent disabled and expands the waiver to community colleges and registered apprenticeship programs. It allows dependents of Purple Heart recipients to qualify only if Oregon was that person's home of record at the time of entry into active duty. It raises the age by which a dependent child must apply for the waiver from 23 to 25. It requires institutions to waive fees and the cost of textbooks in addition to tuition and prohibits the amount of tuition waived from being reduced by specified aid, awards, grants, and scholarships. The measure takes effect on the 91st day after adjournment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

This measure is scheduled solely for the purpose of moving it back to the Speaker's desk for referral to another committee. A complete staff measure summary may be prepared in that committee.