

SB 798 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Skarlatos

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

Action Date: 05/06/25

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Fragala, Harbick, Hudson, McDonald, Munoz, Wright, Yunker

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/29, 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure extends eligibility for resident tuition at public universities to members of the Oregon National Guard who reside in another state, as well as their spouses and dependents.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of Oregon National Guard members living outside Oregon
- Potential to incentivize recruiting and retention
- Circumstances where expanded eligibility would apply
- Structure, purpose, and activities of the Oregon National Guard
- Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program (ONGSTA)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1987, members of the Armed Forces of the United States, as well as their spouses and dependent children under the age of 23, have been considered residents for purposes of tuition at public universities and community colleges in Oregon (ORS 352.313, ORS 341.496). Currently, the resident tuition rate applies to members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and the Oregon National Guard, who either reside in the state or establish Oregon residency by filing Oregon state income taxes at least one year before leaving active duty.