

HB 3968 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Bonham

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/09/25

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bonham, Golden, Jama, Manning Jr, Thatcher

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 6/5, 6/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adds the U.S. Space Force to the various Oregon statutes that name the other U.S. armed forces.

Detailed Summary

Amends statutes relating to official records and files to add the Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and the U.S. Space Force. Includes the U.S. Space Force as one of the armed services in statutes relating to:

- termination of a tenant due to service with the Armed Forces;
- delegation of certain powers by parent or guardian;
- delegation during period of military service;
- persons not affected by unlawful possession of a firearm;
- contributions, benefits, and retirement credit for periods of service in uniformed services or Armed Forces;
- withholding of state income taxes from federal retired pay for members of uniformed services;
- military pay;
- sales of cigarettes and tobacco to federal installations and veterans' institutions exempted;
- estimates of attendance, irregular attendance, and excused absences;
- admission of members of Armed Forces and specified federal agencies and of spouses and dependent children of members;
- fee and tuition rates;
- rights of student ordered to active duty;
- status of members of Armed Forces and certain federal agencies;
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- roadside memorial signs;
- Armed Forces of the United States;
- Oregon Military Museum established at Camp Withycombe;
- resignations of commissioned and warrant officers;
- certain persons residents for licensing purposes regarding fish and wildlife permits; and,
- requirements for practice of surgical technology in health care facilities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The work and mission of the Space Force
- The potential future roles of National Guard members in the Space Force

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Space Force was established on December 20, 2019, and created the first new branch of the armed services since 1947. Its core functions are to defend against space and counterspace threats, integrate joint

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functions across all domains on a global scale, and to deploy and sustain equipment in space.

Oregon statutes generally define the armed forces to mean the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Navy, and a member of the military to be a person who is a member of the reserves of those armed forces. HB 3968 adds the U.S. Space Force to the existing list of the armed forces in various Oregon statutes.