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Mr. President,

The Education Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **S.B. 35**, VETERANS TUITION GAP PROGRAM ACT AMENDMENTS, by Senator L. Escamilla, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Line 47 through 66:*

- 47 (2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means [a]:
48 [~~(a) credit-granting higher education institution within the state system of higher~~
49 ~~education; or]~~
50 [~~(b) an institution of higher learning, as defined in the federal program, that is~~
51 ~~located~~
52 ~~in the state.]~~
52 (a) an institution of higher education listed in Subsection 53B-2-101(1); or
53 (b) a private, nonprofit, postsecondary institution ~~{ headquartered }~~ located
54 in Utah that is
54 accredited by a { regional } recognized accrediting organization { that the
54 board recognizes } recognized by the United States Department of Education .
55 (3) "Program" means the Veterans Tuition Gap Program created in this chapter.
56 (4) (a) "Qualifying military veteran" means a veteran, as defined in Section
57 68-3-12.5,
57 who:
58 (i) is a resident student under Section 53B-8-102 and rules of the board;
59 (ii) is accepted into an institution and enrolled in a program leading to a bachelor's

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60 degree;
61 [(iii) has qualified for the federal program;]
62 [(iv) (iii) (A) has [maximized] exhausted the federal benefit under [the] a federal
63 program; or
64 (B) demonstrates that the veteran {~~does not qualify~~} no longer qualifies to receive
federal benefits under any
65 federal program; and
66 [(v) (iv) has not completed a bachelor's degree.

2. *Page 3, Line 70 through 74:*

70 There is established a Veterans Tuition Gap Program to serve qualifying military
71 veterans with tuition assistance at institutions of higher education when:
72 (1) federal benefits under the federal program [~~are no longer~~] have been exhausted or
73 are not available; and
74 (2) a qualifying military veteran has not finished a bachelor's degree and is in the
final year of a bachelor's degree program .

Respectfully,

Ann Millner
Chair

Voting: 6-0-1