

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4508  
OFFERED BY MS. BONAMICI OF OREGON**

Insert after section 3 the following:

1 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION PENDING CERTIFICATION AND ASSESS-**  
2 **MENT ON ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
5 indicates that more than 200,000 members of the  
6 military owe more than \$2.9 billion in student loan  
7 debt.

8 (2) A Dear Colleague letter to the Committee  
9 on Education and the Workforce of the House of  
10 Representatives from Representative John Sarbanes  
11 dated December 11, 2017 indicates the Public Serv-  
12 ice Loan Forgiveness Program helps the U.S. mili-  
13 tary recruit and retain skilled and motivated men  
14 and women.

15 (3) According to the U.S. Naval Institute, close  
16 to 6800 active duty military personnel are enrolled  
17 in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

18 (4) An article by the U.S. Naval Institute indi-  
19 cates military recruitment could be negatively im-

1       pacted by the elimination of the Public Service Loan  
2       Forgiveness program.

3           (5) A letter from the Veterans Service Organi-  
4       zations to Senator Lamar Alexander and Represent-  
5       ative Bobby Scott dated November 27, 2017, urges  
6       the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and  
7       Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Edu-  
8       cation and the Workforce of the House of Rep-  
9       resentatives to preserve the Public Service Loan  
10      Forgiveness program.

11      (b) CERTIFICATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
12     provision of law, this Act shall not take effect until the  
13     date on which the Inspector General of the Department  
14     of Education, in consultation with the Inspector General  
15     of the Department of Veterans Affairs—

16           (1) certifies to Congress that no provision of  
17     this Act would negatively affect recruiting in the  
18     Armed Forces; and

19           (2) submits to Congress an assessment of the  
20     potential effects of this Act on recruiting in each  
21     military service.

