

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue by Prior Reference
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boquist, Cowan, Schaufler, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Scott
Prepared By:	Jim Keller, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/1, 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies active duty military service requirements needed to qualify for military homestead property tax exemption. Permits retroactive application for exemption. Applies to claims for exemption filed for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2001. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Average deployment is 15-24 months
- Financial burden placed on members due to military service
- Members not always aware of their rights with lending institutions

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current statutes grant a property tax exemption on homestead property up to \$60,000 of assessed value if the claimants satisfy the following criteria: 1) they are members of the Oregon National Guard, military reserves or active militia, and 2) changed their status to performing service under Title 10 for more than 178 days during the tax year in which the exemption is claimed. Claims for the exemption must be filed by April 1 each year.

House Bill 2023 would allow, in addition to the Title 10 service, deployment made under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, and require at least one day of the required 178 days of service fall within the tax year for which the exemption is claimed. In addition, the filing deadline would be changed to August 1 following the end of the tax year for which the exemption is claimed and would be retroactive to July 1, 2001.

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