

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 3/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates December 13th of each year as “Honor our Oregon National Guard Day.”

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current deployment of Oregon Guard and Reserves in Afghanistan and Iraq
- Biggest threat to Oregon Guard and Reserve is lack of equipment—currently about 40% of full stock

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon National Guard has a long tradition and history dating back to 1843. The National Guard is found in both the United States Constitution and the Oregon Constitution. The tradition and history of the Oregon National Guard was grounded on the basis of its mission statement; “*A ready force equipped and trained to respond to any contingency. When we are needed, we are there.*” The Oregon Military Department’s purpose is to administer, house, equip and train the Oregon National Guard – a ready force to support the Governor during unrest or natural disaster and as a reserve force to the United States Air Force and the United States Army.

The National Guard began in 1636 when three militia companies were formed in the Massachusetts Bay Colony to protect the colonists from the Pequot Indians. December 13th is considered the ‘birthday’ of the National Guard.