

## SCR 2 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizes and honors the service members of the Oregon National Guard.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Activities during COVID-19 pandemic
- Activities during wildfires in recent years
- Activities during 1996 floods

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Adds whereas clause related to response to 1996 floods.

***FIS: no fiscal impact on measure w/-1 amendment***

***RIS: no revenue impact on measure w/-1 amendment***

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Army National Guard (ORARNG) and Oregon Air National Guard (ORANG) together serve as the state militia, federally mandated and equipped for both domestic and international deployments in response to natural disasters, military conflicts, and other duties. The state's first organized militia was formed in 1843, 16 years prior to statehood. Current strength, as of December 2022, was 5,144 ORARNG and 2,201 ORANG. Major deployments have occurred in recent years in response to wildfires, the COVID-19 pandemic, and international deployments across four continents.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 recognizes and honors the members of the Oregon National Guard.