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TO: Grayber, Co-Chair Lewis & Members of the House Committee on Veterans
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

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SUBJECT: Argument Against HB 2305

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1. HB 4082 is a noble bill for those deployed in the Oregon National Guard but, there are several flaws that need to be worked out for refinement before the end of the session. One flaw is that there is not any fiscal impact included. Another flaw is that it excludes those who are in the Reserve component (under Title 10) are left behind. (Example: Army Reserve). They are not included in this HB.

2. These are the other flaws: Section 1 , para does not include *Space Force* in the description of Armed Forces (IAW 10 USC), Section 1-C should read The term "*Active Guard and Reserve" means a member of a reserve component who is on active duty pursuant to section 12301(d) of this title or, if a member of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard, is on full-time National Guard duty pursuant to section 502(f) of title 32, and who is performing Active Guard and Reserve duty. (Presidential activation is involuntary or voluntary title 10).* Section 2: a ***CONUS*** *should be added to service performed outside this state.* Section B *should read: Service performed outside the continental US OCONUS.*

3. The bill needs clarification and does not mention the tax break that traditional Guardsmen already receive from the State of Oregon for annual training.

Thank you,

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