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I support this bill along with all of my fellow brothers and sisters in arms. We give so much of our lives to serving our communities and our country. We support the fire missions along with all other state emergencies in full force no questions asked. We miss so many special moments in the lives of our families and children. Most of us who retire have medical issues and injuries that we must cope with the rest of our lives that can't be repaired any further. Being One of only 9 states that tax our military retirement absolutely blows my mind. You would think that Oregon being as beautiful as it is would honor and respect all who serve and have served in any form of civil service. Most of us that retire before age 62 are doing so due to a medical condition that prevents us from continuing to serve not by our choice because our service caused said medical condition. I don't believe it's right to take even more away considering how much we have already paid in our years of serving the people and this state especially when a lot of us our forced to stop serving not of our own volition. Thank you for your time in hearing my testimony on supporting the bill SB540