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On Behalf Of: self
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Hello, as a retired member of the military I ask that strong consideration be given to this bill and ultimate passage be accomplished. There are currently 26 states that do not tax military retirement and Oregon should join the ranks and stop asking their veterans to continue to pay for what their Brothers in other states do not pay. As a 34 year veteran of the USAF and the Oregon Air National I believe that Oregon can easily afford to send a strong message to it's military residents by saying thank you for your service, no charge.

I love Oregon and would very much like to stay here when I finish working as a civilian employee in 3 years but my current plan is to re-locate to a state more tax friendly. If this bill is passed I will abandon that plan.

Thank you for considering this bill.

Sincerely, Matt Andrews, Colonel (retired Commander and F-15 Pilot)