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good morning pam and jeff:

Where was the national guard during the alameda fire when we need it most?  
Overseas. Sadly.

This bill 667 addresses the idea of keeping the national guard at home where they  
belong.

It also insists that congress declare war.

I believe that it is super important that we in oregon return to a better way. It is time  
that

we insist that congress declare war from now on.

Finally, if you are concerned about trump moving into gaza blocking the national  
guard from leaving the state could be a handy tool to slow down the war machine.

as a reminder: The US constitution enshrines the power to declare war only to  
Congress.

SB 667 prevents the Oregon National Guard from being deployed when war has not  
formally been declared.

Congress has not declared war since wwII, but since then has authorized the  
president to send troops  
overseas in the name of national security. too many times. This is unconstitutional on  
the grounds  
that a military operation that looks like war, acts like war, and functions like war, is a  
matter for Congress.

If Congress wants oregon national guard troops to be deployed overseas in a military  
action,  
then congress needs to do what the constitution says to do; formally,  
declare war, otherwise, the guard stays home.

thank you for listening  
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