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As a recent retiree (2022) for the Oregon Air National Guard, I support House Bill 2050 to exempt military retired pay from Oregon State Income tax. Every member of the military makes the important decision about how retirement will affect their finances as they transition to civilian life. Currently, Oregon National Guard members in active service or on state active duty are exempt from state income tax thanks to HB 2071. However, retired military pay is subject to state income tax and many members choose to move out of Oregon because of this. 35 other states either have no state income tax or exempt military retired pay. Oregon is not known as a veteran friendly state and thus misses out on the expertise retired military member have in fields such as medical, information technology, law enforcement, cyber security, management, and engineering. I encourage you to vote yes on HB 2050 to help retain and attract more of these highly skilled individuals and their families to our incredible state.