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I am writing this on behalf of the many veterans that live in Oregon and the many veterans that would love to live in Oregon but choose not too because of the cost of living that's significantly impacted by the taxing of their military retirement. For myself, I choose to live in Oregon because of my family ties and because of my small business. If I didn't have these commitments, I like most my of retired friends would leave the state because of the favorable tax treatment in other states that have overwhelmingly supported the military retiree. It's time for Oregon to make a change in support of the sacrifices of our military retirees and eliminate the state income tax on military pensions. The state of Oregon will reap many non-financial and financial benefits of these Patriotic Americans calling Oregon home if this is passed. Most notable is the non-financial contributions that these great men and women provide to our communities through volunteering, coaching, and being great role models. I would like to thank the Oregon Legislature for bringing this topic to discussion and hope they make the right decision for our communities. Sincerely Ryan Bocchi