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As a veteran of the Marine Corps and an almost 20 year member of the Oregon National Guard, I have made sacrifices to ensure the safety and wellbeing of American's at home and abroad, and I've worked with many other Oregonians who have given up valuable time with their families to serve our state and nation. The National Guard especially has significant positive impacts to the state, from COVID response missions to wildland firefighting and emergency response. It is imperative that we take care of our Soldiers and Airmen as they continue to serve their communities after leaving the Armed Forces. Exempting military retirement pay and pensions from state income tax will send a message that Oregon supports members of the armed forces who have devoted a significant portion of their life to service, and will go a long way in improving the lives of Oregon military families. I support HB 2050, and hope our legislators pass this important legislation.