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On Behalf Of:

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I am very supportive of this needed legislation for the following reasons:

- 1) The bill ensures that the Oregon National Guard is not mobilized for federal purposes without clear and specific reasons, protecting the state's autonomy in managing its own resources.
- 2) By prohibiting mobilization that would leave the Oregon National Guard unable to respond to statewide emergencies, the bill prioritizes the safety and security of Oregon residents during natural disasters or acts of terrorism.
- 3) The restrictions on using the Oregon National Guard for law enforcement or immigration enforcement duties prevent potential misuse of state resources for federal agendas that may not align with Oregon's priorities.
- 4) The requirement for Governor consent or federal active duty status ensures that external militias or armed forces cannot operate within Oregon without proper authorization, safeguarding the state's jurisdiction and public safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Rick Varnum