

## SCR 2 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Rules

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/7, 3/14

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizes and honors the service members of the Oregon National Guard.

*FISCAL: No fiscal impact*

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*Senate Vote: Ayes, 27; Excused, 3--Hansell, Linthicum, Robinson.*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Assistance provided by the members of the Oregon National Guard
- Recent deployments, including for wildfires and the COVID-19 pandemic

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Army National Guard (ORARNG) and Oregon Air National Guard (ORANG) together serve as the state militia, federally mandated and equipped for both domestic and international deployments in response to natural disasters, military conflicts, and other duties. The state's first organized militia was formed in 1843, 16 years prior to statehood. Its current strength, as of December 2022, was 5,144 ORARNG and 2,201 ORANG. Major deployments have occurred in recent years in response to wildfires, the COVID-19 pandemic, and international deployments across four continents.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 A recognizes and honors the members of the Oregon National Guard.