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As a long-term advocate for women veterans, I can attest to the fact that it is not uncommon for veterans to live at or near poverty.

Given the cost of living today, pensions and retirement are insufficient at covering the basic living expenses for many. A credit of this amount can be the difference between poverty and the ability to make healthy choices in warmth, food, and health decisions. For women veterans especially are more likely to face unemployment, low wages, and housing instability and homelessness than their male counterparts. Women veterans are also more likely to be single parents than their male veterans counterparts. For these women and their families, poverty is a constant threat.

I urge you to consider the economic reality faced by thousands of Oregonian veterans every day and support this bill.

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