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For decades now, the US Congress has abdicated its Constitutional responsibility to declare war. Accordingly, the federal government has not legitimate claim on the Oregon National Guard in its role as a reserve force., On the other hand, Oregon will definitely need them in their role as emergency responders; between wildfires, windstorms, and earthquakes, Oregon is vulnerable to natural disasters. SB 667 authorizes the Governor to protect the Guard's domestic role in Oregon, at least until such time as Congress meets its responsibilities.