

Libertarian Party of Multnomah County
Resolution 25-01
In support of SB 667 “Defend the Guard”

Whereas, Congress exercises exclusive rights to declare war under Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States; and,

Whereas, the Congress abdicated the People’s right to the President People in its passage of the 2001 vague and general “Authorization for Use of Military Force;” and,

Whereas, the authors of the Constitution of the United States recognized the importance of the States’ sovereign authority over the militia outside the Chain of Command of armies raised by the Federal Congress as an essential check and balance on military tyranny; and,

Whereas, the Oregon Guard has been sorely needed at home to help control civil unrest and natural disaster while defending the freedoms, privileges, and immunities of citizens of this State; and,

Whereas, in 2020, a lack of state-funded Chinook helicopters had been sent to a mission in Afghanistan leaving Oregon undefended against tragic wildfires; and,

Whereas, in 2024, the Oregon Army National Guard’s 2cd Battalion 218th Field Regiment was mobilized as part of Task Force DEFENDER for combat actions in the Middle East not authorized by the Federal Congress as a war or Authorization for Use of Military force; and,

Whereas, the Libertarian National Committee has endorsed the Defend the Guard Movement; and,

Whereas, the Public Policy Board of the Libertarian Party of Oregon has unanimously adopted resolution 23-03 to avoid unnecessary foreign entanglements so as to deescalate conflicts that could lead to nuclear exchange:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Libertarian Party of Multnomah County, PAC 22306, to endorse and support SB 667 in the 2025 Legislative Session, banning the militia of Oregon from being deployed by the Governor to armed conflict in the absence of a formal declaration of War by the Federal Congress as required by the Constitution of the United States; and,

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED The Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Multnomah County shall cause a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to Senator Warner, Governor Kotek, Senators Bonham and Lithicum, and to Oregon Media and to authorize the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Multnomah County and/or her delegate(s) to speak to this resolution in public hearings of the Oregon Legislative Assembly.