

Submitter: Robert Fraser Jr

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General
Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2050

Subject: Support for HB 2050 – Tax Exemption for Military Retirement Pay

Dear Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

My name is Robert C Fraser Jr, and I am a retired service member of the Oregon Army National Guard. After my retirement, I set a goal to continue serving my community by working with the youth of our great state. I now work as a Special Programs Instructional Assistant at Sprague High School in the Salem/Keizer School District, supporting special needs students.

My income from the school district is supplemented by my Reserve Retired pay, but as many veterans experience, transitioning to a civilian career—especially in public service—often comes with financial challenges. That is why I strongly support HB 2050, which would exempt veterans' military retirement pay from state income tax.

This exemption would provide critical financial relief, especially for veterans like me who have chosen to continue serving our communities in lower-income roles such as education. By supporting HB 2050, you are not only honoring the sacrifices made by military retirees but also encouraging them to remain in Oregon and contribute to vital public service sectors.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 2050 and help make Oregon a more veteran-friendly state. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Robert C Fraser Jr
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