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I am an officer in the Oregon Army National Guard and assigned to the Pentagon. I work for the National Guard Bureau. As an Oregonian, I have seen many of my veteran friends decide to move out of Oregon because other States don't tax their retirement benefits. Because I have traveled the country, deciding where my retirement income will best support me and my family, Oregon has become a difficult choice. I love the land, I like the people, I don't care for the politics, and I dislike the taxes. I have about three years to make a decision on where I will retire, removing the taxation of my military retirement pay would entice me, and others like me to retire in Oregon.

An example. A friend of mine retired last year from the Army. On his retirement is decided he would move to Oregon, long enough to prepare his property to sell and move to the mid-West where he could "give himself a 10% pay raise." By not paying income tax on his retirement benefits. I would love to see Oregon become the 11th State to stop penalizing (by taxing) veterans who want to retire there.