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My name is Monique Bochsler, and I advocate for HB 2050. Veterans have made significant sacrifices for our nation and state, and it is time for Oregon to align with around 26 other states that do not tax military retirement pay despite having a state income tax. These states include Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Additionally, nine states do not impose any income tax at all, meaning that approximately 35 states exempt military retiree pay from taxation. Currently, Oregon is one of only 15 states that tax this income. As of 2022, there were about 21,076 military retirees in Oregon, which is a mere fraction of the 2.2 million Oregonians who filed tax returns, representing less than one percent (0.00958%) of the total.