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Ladies & Gentlemen of the House,

As a native Oregonian and Active Duty member of the Oregon Army National Guard, I've spent 41 years living and working in Oregon. Upon retirement, many other states are more attractive options for financial reasons. I do not want to leave Oregon after I retire from the Army, but the reality of paying heavy taxes on a retirement that is becoming meager with the inflation rate is attractive. Veterans continue working after Active Duty retirement. I will still pay state income tax on my wages/salary from my follow-on career. The attractiveness of remaining in Oregon decreases when contrasting my income potential of living in one of many other great states that will not tax my military retirement. Oregon is an amazing place, but people move where the money is. Passing this bill will make Oregon a more attractive state for Veterans to reside in after retirement and will bring their post-military career tax revenue and spending into a very attractive state to live in. Thank you for considering my testimony.

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