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I have been a member of the Oregon Army National Guard for over 23 years. As I approach my retirement, I am having serious conversations with my wife about how we can afford to stay in Oregon with my reduced income. Many retired Soldiers I personally know have had to make the difficult decision to leave the State of Oregon to move to a State that does not tax their retirement income. Many people such as I have had no other careers outside of military service and typically look for employment with the government once they retire from the military. Given the current environment it has become increasingly more difficult to find meaningful employment with the federal government. This will likely make it even more appealing for these veterans of Oregon to leave the state so they can provide for their families.

As a lifelong Oregonian I don't want that to be the case, and I fully support HB 2050. It will keep those who have served Oregon during floods, civil disturbances, COVID 19, and overseas deployments here in the State they love and belong.