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Currently, upon retiring from the military, my family is looking to relocate to a state with better tax advantages on military retired pay. This is not an uncommon position for Oregon veterans to take.

Oregon is exporting retired service members.

Another way to state that is Oregon is exporting people with guaranteed income for life who spent at least 20 years serving. More often than not, we are engaged community members. We sit on boards, we coach, we're involved in our church or the PTA, or we volunteer in other areas of the community. We are often disciplined, engaged, upstanding community members who take care of our family, friends and our property.

Because of the tax benefits in other states, few of us make primary plans to retire in Oregon. Our military pension goes further in other states that in addition to lower (or no taxes) often have a lower cost of living.

I strongly encourage you to support HB2050, keep Oregon veterans in Oregon!