

I submit this note in favor of HB2050. A quick internet search will show that **25 states currently do not tax veteran pensions:**

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Connecticut
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin

And **eight states have no state income tax at all:**

- Alaska
- Florida
- Nevada
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Washington
- Wyoming

Oregon, while a wonderful and beautiful place to live, also has no active-duty military installations (not counting USCG installations), which means that service members, Veterans and retirees alike do not have access to a commissary (and other related benefits). All surrounding states have this benefit for their service members, Veterans and retirees - among other things. This means that when a Veteran or retiree is looking for a place to settle, Oregon may not be at the top of the list. Especially when Oregon is the 10th most expensive state to live.

Our Veterans and retirees deserve a break, please don't drive them away by taxing their retirement.

Thank you!