

Submitter: Andrew Philpott

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General  
Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2050

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2050, which seeks to exempt all retirement pay and pensions received by veterans from state income tax, effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026. As a retired combat veteran, I believe this legislation is both timely and essential.

Throughout our military careers, we were prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms and values we hold dear. The transition from active duty to civilian life presents numerous challenges, and financial stability is a significant concern for many veterans. By exempting our hard-earned retirement pay from state income tax, Oregon would alleviate some of these financial burdens, allowing us to focus on integrating into our communities and supporting our families.

Moreover, this exemption would serve as a tangible acknowledgment of the sacrifices made by veterans. It would demonstrate Oregon's commitment to honoring those who have served and would position our state as a leader in veteran support, potentially attracting more retired service members to settle here.

I respectfully urge you to pass House Bill 2050, thereby extending much-needed financial relief to Oregon's veterans and reinforcing the state's dedication to those who have dedicated their lives to our nation's security.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew Philpott SFC (Ret) US Army Combat Veteran