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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2050

To Whom This May Concern,

I am writing in support of HB 2050. This bill is not only a gesture of gratitude to those who have served our country, but it is also a critical step toward making Oregon a more attractive and supportive place for military retirees to live and contribute to our communities.

Oregon is currently one of only a handful of states that fully tax military retirement benefits. This puts us at a disadvantage when compared to neighboring states such as Washington, which has no state income tax, and Idaho, which provides significant tax exemptions for military retirees. By passing HB 2050, Oregon can encourage military retirees to remain in or move to our state, bringing with them valuable leadership, workforce skills, and economic contributions.

In addition, exempting military retirement income from taxation is a meaningful way to honor the sacrifices these men and women have made, and offering a tax relief is a way for Oregon to show additional support and appreciation for their service.

I urge you to pass HB 2050 - send a strong message that Oregon values its veterans and their continued contributions to our communities. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Anna Hawkins