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The strength of the State is in its' citizens and the Oregon National Guard is its' citizens. A strong adequately funded Guard is a great asset for the State. The Guard is always available to be called out to support the State for various needs such as wildfires, ice storms, and other weather events. Not just weather but civil unrest etc. The legislature needs to fund and resource the National Guard at a level that it can support those requirements. If not, there may come a time when the Guard cannot respond and the citizens and the "State will suffer the consequences. It costs very little in the greater scheme of things to fund the guard for what the returns are. We need to continue to fund and resource our Guard to keep those opportunities in the State.