

I've been in the Oregon guard for over 20 years, and I urge you to support Senate Bill 808.

Oregon needs to protect its citizen Soldiers. Since we don't have any active duty bases, time and time again guardsman have played an outsized role, and greater burden, during times of disasters and emergencies.

At the very minimum, we should extend active duty protections to OUR military men and women. The state should do what the federal government does not - recognize our service. I've been sent away, overseas and for training missions, nearly 3 years. I have nearly 15 years of active service. But due to federal law, my family and I do not benefit from my...our... service. This Law would be a small step in the right direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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