

# National Guard Bill - HB 4091

## Problem:

**Oregon's National Guard can be mobilized under federal authorities that do not run through the Governor. When that happens, there is limited clarity in state law about:**

- When state officials should assist with those mobilizations
- How to ensure Guard deployments do not leave Oregon unable to respond to wildfires, earthquakes, or other emergencies
- The appropriate role of the Guard versus civilian law enforcement
- When out-of-state forces may operate within Oregon's borders

This lack of clarity creates risk for Guard readiness, civilian oversight, and Oregon's ability to respond to emergencies at home.

## Solution:

**HB 4091 provides clear rules and guardrails for how Oregon officials may assist with Guard mobilizations that occur outside the Governor's authority. This bill:**



- ✓ Ensures Guard members are not deployed in ways that leave Oregon short-handed during emergencies
- ✓ Preserves full federal authority for Title 10 mobilizations
- ✓ Allows Guard participation in federally authorized missions, disaster response, training, & support roles
- ✓ Clarifies that the Guard is not to be used for immigration enforcement or routine law enforcement
- ✓ Requires the Governor's consent or federal authority for out-of-state forces to operate in Oregon

## Result:



**A National Guard that is legally deployed, clearly overseen, and ready when Oregonians need it most.**

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# how well do you know the National Guard Bill?

What HB 4091 does, what it doesn't & why it matters.

**1 TRUE OR FALSE:** This bill won't allow the Oregon National Guard to help during disasters.

- ☐ A. True, they're benched
- ☐ B. False, they're protected
- ☐ C. I didn't read the bill but I'm mad anyway

**Correct Answer: B**

HB 4091 protects Oregon's emergency readiness by preventing deployments that leave the state short-handed.



**2 Is Oregon telling the federal government "Peace out! You're not the boss of me"?**



- ☐ A. Absolutely
- ☐ B. Not even a little
- ☐ C. Depends who's tweeting

**Correct Answer: B**

HB 4091 does not change federal authority. Guard mobilization under Title 10 remains governed by federal law.

**3 Does this bill stop border security operations?**

- ☐ A. Yes, full stop
- ☐ B. No, support roles are still allowed
- ☐ C. Border who?



**Correct Answer: B**

HB 4091 allows border security support but blocks Guard use for immigration or routine law enforcement.

**4 Will this block all National Guard deployments?**

- ☐ A. Yes, no one goes anywhere
- ☐ B. No, only certain deployments are limited
- ☐ C. They're gone like a bad situationship

**Correct Answer: B**

Deployments remain allowed for congressionally authorized missions, disaster response, lawful DHS missions, training, and other federally authorized duties.

**5 Is this bill anti-National Guard?**

- ☐ A. Yes, very disrespectful
- ☐ B. No, it's pro-readiness
- ☐ C. IDK - Let me ask the group chat



**Correct Answer: B**

HB 4091 prevents Guard overextension and keeps them available when Oregonians need them.

**6 Does the Governor lose control of the Guard under this bill?**

- ☐ A. Yes, chaos reigns
- ☐ B. No, control is actually reinforced
- ☐ C. Governors have control??

**Correct Answer: B**

HB 4091 reinforces civilian oversight and protects Oregon's in-state response capacity.

**7 Can other states send armed forces into Oregon?**

- ☐ A. Apparently, yes
- ☐ B. Only with Governor's consent or federal authority
- ☐ C. Maybe just for a weekend getaway?

**Correct Answer: B**

Out-of-state forces may operate in Oregon only with the Governor's consent or under federal active duty; unauthorized deployments are prohibited.

**8 Is this bill about politics or preparedness?**

- ☐ A. Politics
- ☐ B. Preparedness
- ☐ C. It's actually just vibes

**Correct Answer: B**

HB 4091 prioritizes clarity, legality, and readiness — not politics.

