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Oregon Pushes Back on Federal Overreach, Protects National Guard Resources

SALEM, OR. – In response to increasing instances of federal overreach and the politicized deployment of National Guard units including recent events in Los Angeles, Oregon lawmakers are taking decisive action to protect the integrity and readiness of the state's forces.

Representatives Paul Evans (D-Monmouth), Dacia Grayber (D-SW Portland), and Willy Chotzen (D-SE Portland) have introduced [HB 3954](#), legislation designed to strengthen state oversight of the Oregon National Guard and establish clear, enforceable limits on when and how Guard units may be mobilized for federal service.

"The Governor of Oregon should have a ready, reliable National Guard for answering catastrophic disasters. The National Guard is really a partnership. There are missions the National Guard can, and should, fulfill as a part of our National Defense Forces Structure. There are also some missions, the current president has talked about, that are not an appropriate fit for National Guard personnel. The bill merely clarifies the expectations of the Governor in an availability status of the National Guard, and of National Guard personnel on what duties they may and may not be called to perform," said **Rep. Evans**.

"We should use our state's resources to serve our state's needs. At a time when the president is weaponizing the National Guard against U.S. citizens, this bill is aimed at ensuring that the Oregon National Guard is used lawfully and in service of all Oregonians," said **Rep. Chotzen**.

"Deploying the military against our country's citizens is an affront to our democratic principles," says **Rep. Grayber**. "Ensuring that the Guard can only be mobilized in keeping with their congressionally-authorized functions is a common-sense safeguard to ensure separation of responsibility between our military and our local law enforcement."

Under HB 3954, the Adjutant General would be prohibited from authorizing any deployment that compromises the Oregon National Guard's ability to respond to in-state emergencies — including wildfires, earthquakes, and public safety threats. By affirming Oregon's authority to

maintain a ready and responsive Guard force for local crises, the bill reinforces both state sovereignty and community safety.

HB 3954 passed out of the House Rules Committee today on a 4–2 vote and now moves to the House Floor for consideration by the full chamber.

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