

Community-Initiated Project for Oregon Included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Senate Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Draft Appropriations Bill

1. **\$12 million for the Oregon Army National Guard to construct an Army 10-lane Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range (MPMG) at the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF) in Boardman.** The MPMG is mission critical for Oregon Military Department's Rees Training Center in Hermiston. Currently, Oregon soldiers must travel outside the state for this training, consuming valuable training time and funds while reducing soldiers available for key state contingency operations. The MPMG will provide economic benefits in rural Oregon through the initial military construction work as well as subsequent future use.
 - "We are thrilled to learn that our Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range project in Boardman, Oregon, was included in the Senate mark ups. This range is critical to readiness and will be the only Crew Served Weapons range in Oregon to fulfill training and qualification requirements for our military," **said Jim Arnold, Director of Installations for the Oregon Military Department.** "The range will also provide economic benefits through the initial military construction work as well as subsequent future use and training activity by service members in the region."