



Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

SB 387 Veteran's Property Tax Exemption Change-Oppose

Chair Meek, Vice-Chair McLane and members of the Committee.

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition respects the service of veterans and what they have given.

We do not, however, think that in these uncertain times we should add a program that would most likely strain the budget of the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Oregon Department of Revenue reports about 40,000 property tax accounts currently getting the benefit of the existing program.

The proposal for a potential income of \$240,000 filing joint or \$120,000 seems high compared to the median income of Oregon households at \$80,000.

It is difficult to obtain current figures of disabled veterans in Oregon in 2025 but figures from 2023 indicate there were 14,654-100% disabled veterans in Oregon. If the full \$150,000 assessed value was backfilled for just those veterans, it could be well over \$32 million.

The figure would be higher if the changes to \$60,000 and \$65,000 assessed value is added in for veterans with lower disabilities.

We urge you to retain the current program that grows at 3% assessed value per year.

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