

House Bill 2036 proponent

Dear Assessment and Taxation Committee,

I've spent the last decade serving in the United States Air Force in Texas. During my service, I faced several disabilities, leading me to return to Kansas to be closer to my family as my health needs grew. In Texas, I was impressed by the extensive support offered to veterans, including total property tax exemptions, educational benefits, and programs for home improvement and entrepreneurship. Unfortunately, upon returning to Kansas, I found the state's veteran benefits lacking in comparison. Unlike most states that offer some form of property tax relief for veterans, Kansas currently does not.

Many of my fellow veterans emphasize the importance of relocating to states that actively support them after service. Currently, Kansas lacks this appeal, primarily attracting those who have personal ties to the state. HB2036 represents a crucial opportunity to enhance Kansas's attractiveness to veterans by aligning with the benefits offered in other states.

Kansas's disabled veterans have made significant sacrifices for our nation and shouldn't be further burdened by property taxes. HB2036 would provide much-needed financial relief, making Kansas a more viable home for us. This bill enjoys the backing of prominent veterans' organizations and a strong coalition of supporters. With your support, we can turn this proposal into reality and duly recognize the contributions of Kansas's disabled veterans.

Very Respectfully,
Nicholas Anthony Morris, DAV