

HB 2036

My understanding is your Senate Tax Committee will be hearing this bill during the second week of this session. Rep Proctor has been telling people that Riley County supports this and that is not true. I have several problems with this bill. It starts at a low disability percent and has no income limits.

From my discussions with military people, there are a lot of soldiers getting out with some disability. The army is being generous with disability categories and that is fine for their VA benefits but not for the state. Many officers have some disability but are still working at jobs making good salaries in addition to their military benefits. They do not need a tax break. If military disabilities qualify for tax breaks, someone will want to extend this to everyone with disabilities.

This bill would be especially harmful to Riley County with our large number of retired military. Rep Proctor has added a clause to repay our shortage from the state. I am also concerned that the repayment will be stopped when other counties start complaining. Just like LAVTR they can be unfunded at any time.

If you have other questions please call.

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