



Senate Bill 215
Written Proponent Testimony

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- **Chairman Tyson and Members of the Committee, I respectfully stand in support of Senate Bill 215.**
- **I'm sure all of the members of the military community in Kansas appreciate the efforts of all Senators to reduce residential property tax burden for senior citizens, disabled veterans, and survivors.**
- **This bill would expand the exclusion of social security income from the Kansas definition of household income. This provision and others would permit more homeowners to claim a homestead property tax refund.**
- **However, I would ask the committee to amend the bill to consider and exclude two types of veteran and survivor payments paid by the federal government not currently excluded from the Kansas definition of household income**
 - **Veterans pensions paid under Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 3.3 and various related federal laws**
 - **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation paid under 38 CFR § 3.5**
 - **Kansas law already excludes veterans disability compensation paid under 38 CFR § 3.4**
- **As you can see these federal-income-tax-free payments are similar to veterans disability compensation but have different eligibility rules. However these eligible populations are subsets of the same ones addressed by SB 215**
- **I urge the committee to amend and support this bill.**