



House Bill 2231
Written Proponent Testimony

March 6, 2025

Michael Kelly

President

Kansas Council of Chapters, MOAA

- Chairman Tyson and Members of the Committee, I respectfully stand in support of House Bill 2231 but request a friendly amendment.
- With regard to veterans, this bill would standardize a personal exemption amount for service connected disabled veterans increasing from \$2,250 to \$2,320 consistent with other personal income tax exemptions.
- However, when the bill was drafted it included language that was outlawed in HB 2760 (passed into law last session) and otherwise improperly restrictive language. I call the attention of the committee to the following

- Lines 3 and 4 be revised as follows:

filers; increasing the personal exemption for disabled **service-connected former** members of the armed forces **uniformed services**; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 79-32,121 and

- Lines 25 through 33 should be revised as follows:

(2) any individual who has been honorably discharged **or with a general discharge under honorable conditions** from active service in any branch **component** of the armed forces **uniformed services** of the United States and **who is determined by the secretary concerned in Title 10 U.S. Code § 1216** **or** certified by the United States department of veterans affairs or its successor to be in receipt of disability compensation at the 100% rate, if the disability is permanent and was sustained through military action or accident or resulted from disease contracted while in such active service,

such individual shall be allowed an additional Kansas exemption of \$2,250 for tax year 2023 and all tax years thereafter \$2,320 for tax year 2025 and all tax years thereafter

- **I strongly urge the committee to support this bill with the amended language listed above. The suggested language better conforms to Title 10 U.S. Code and is consistent with HB 2760 which is current Kansas law.**