

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Assessment and Taxation** recommends **HB 2231**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, following line 33, by inserting:

"Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 79-4508a is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-4508a.

(a) For tax year 2022; and all tax years thereafter, the amount of any claim pursuant to this section shall be computed by deducting the claimant's base year ad valorem tax amount for the homestead from the claimant's homestead ad valorem tax amount for the tax year for which the refund is sought.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Base year" means the year in which an individual becomes an eligible claimant and who is also eligible for a claim for refund pursuant to this section. For any individual who would otherwise be an eligible claimant prior to 2021, such base year shall be deemed to be 2021 for the purposes of this act.

(2) "Claimant" means a person who has filed a claim under the provisions of this act and was, during the entire calendar year preceding the year in which such claim was filed for refund under this act, except as provided in K.S.A. 79-4503, and amendments thereto, both domiciled in this state and was: (A) A person who is 65 years of age or older; or (B) a disabled veteran. The surviving spouse of a person 65 years of age or older or a disabled veteran who was receiving benefits pursuant to this section at the time of the claimant's death shall be eligible to continue to receive benefits until such time the surviving spouse remarries.

(3) For tax year 2025 and all tax years thereafter, "household income" means the total

Kansas adjusted gross income of all persons of a household in a calendar year while members of such household.

(c) A claimant shall only be eligible for a claim for refund under this section if:

(1) (A) For tax years 2022, 2023 and 2024, the claimant's household income for the year in which the claim is filed is \$50,000 or less, except as adjusted under the cost-of-living adjustment in effect prior to June 30, 2025; and

(B) for tax year 2025 and all tax years thereafter, the claimant's household income for the year in which the claim is filed is \$80,000 or less; and

(2) (A) For base years 2021, 2022 and 2023, the appraised value of the claimant's homestead for the base year is \$350,000 or less; and

(B) for base year 2024 and all base years thereafter, the appraised value of the claimant's homestead for the base year is \$450,000 or less.

The provisions of K.S.A. 79-4522, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a claim pursuant to this section. In the case of all tax years commencing after December 31, ~~2022~~ 2025, the upper limit household income threshold amount prescribed in this subsection shall be increased by an amount equal to such threshold amount multiplied by the cost-of-living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) of the federal internal revenue code for the calendar year in which the taxable year commences. In the case of all base years commencing after December 31, 2024, the upper limit appraised value threshold amount prescribed in this subsection shall be increased each year from the previous year to reflect the average percentage change in statewide residential valuation of existing residential real property for the preceding 10 years.

(d) A taxpayer shall not be eligible for a homestead property tax refund claim pursuant to this section if such taxpayer has received for such property for such tax year either: (1) A

homestead property tax refund pursuant to K.S.A. 79-4508, and amendments thereto; or (2) the selective assistance for effective senior relief (SAFESR) credit pursuant to K.S.A. 79-32,263, and amendments thereto.

(e) The amount of any claim shall be computed to the nearest \$1.

(f) The provisions of this section shall be a part of and supplemental to the homestead property tax refund act.";

Also on page 1, in line 34, by striking "is" and inserting "and 79-4508a are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 3, after "for" by inserting "certain"; also in line 3, by striking all after "disabled"; in line 4, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "veterans; relating to homestead property tax refund claims; modifying the definition of household income and increasing the household income and the appraised value thresholds for eligibility of seniors and disabled veterans related to increased property tax claims"; also in line 4, after "79-32,121" by inserting "and 79-4508a"; in line 5, by striking "section" and inserting "sections"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson