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If you look to this website

<https://www.veteransunited.com/futurehomeowners/veteran-property-tax-exemptions-by-state/>

This gives a breakdown of tax exemptions.

There was a lot of talk about the Homestead rebate for seniors and veterans. Which the Leavenworth County Commission is advocating for to me is discriminatory or very biased. As I have testified I am a Retired Soldier of 27 years of service. I am 100% service related disabled

According to the website

<https://www.ksrevenue.gov/faqs-taxhomestead.html>

What are the qualifications for the Property Tax Relief Claim for Seniors and Disabled Veterans K-40SVR?

- You must have been a resident of Kansas the entire year of 2023 and own your home and had an income of \$53,600 or less.
- Age 65 or over for the entire base year.
- A disabled veteran for the entire year.
- The surviving spouse of a claimant who was either a disabled veteran or person 65 years of age or older for the entire year. For the surviving spouse to qualify, the disabled veteran or person 65 years of age or older must have been receiving benefits under K.S.A. 79-4508a at the time of their death.
- House cannot be valued at more than \$350,000 in the base year.

My house in Leavenworth, KS I paid \$227,000.00 I would have no issue if a compromise was to be made that the first \$150,000.00. property value be waived and I would be game to pay the remaining amount.

As Rep Proctor stated he is asking for the world and settling for New Jersey. Well it would be nice to have the total exemption but I would surmise that my fellow veterans would greatly appreciate the relief.

With us 100% disabled some are employable and unemployable and maybe the maximum threshold should be raised. I believe that there would be a lot Veterans who are unemployable to qualify for this benefit.

I would like to collaborate with all of you and see how we can get a win-win for both the state and for the veterans.

I wish to open a dialogue and entertain any thoughts so I can advise both my Representative Dave Buehler and Senator Jeff Pittman, I can loop in Rep. Proctor but I am not in his district. I think with cooperation we can solve this. When we get this fixed and tweaked we can open this program to the First Responders injured on the job and regular disabled Kansas Residents.

Any thoughts
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