

House Taxation Committee
HB 2559 – Opponent Testimony – Written Only
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Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to HB 2559, which would provide an exemption for National Guard and Reservists on vehicular property taxes.

While we all appreciate the service and sacrifice of our uniformed personnel, giving an exemption to one favored party or group of individuals simply increases taxes on other citizens.

Kansas already has a long list of tax exemptions, and we believe any further consideration of exemptions should be done in conjunction with a complete review of all existing exemptions.

Ideally, that review should result in fewer exemptions and a lower rate for all taxpayers. It's easy to make the case that a particular exemption is 'worthwhile' but the fact remains that every exemption contributes to citizens paying a higher rate.

Accordingly, we encourage the committee to reject HB 2559 and thank the committee for its consideration.