

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB853

Chairperson: Senator Lou Ann Linehan

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing: February 22, 2024

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The intent of LB853 is to provide significant permanent tax relief to seniors, veterans, the disabled and partially disabled veterans without affecting any government subdivision funding.

1. It eliminates the progressive income brackets in the current statute for both those over 65, the disabled and veterans, making two rates, one for married and one for singles. Everyone in these groups below the rate qualify for one hundred percent of the homestead exemption.
2. For the categories that have valuation limitations, there will be one new formula for all. The formula is the greater of three hundred fifty percent of the average home valuation in the county where they reside or a valuation of three hundred thousand dollars reducing the risk of valuation spikes that deny people participating in the homestead exemption. Plus the floor will help more citizens in small counties where the average valuation is low to be able to qualify for the homestead exemption.
3. Creates a new category for partially disabled veterans to receive a homestead exemption based on the percentage of their disability.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Jacobson