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House Bill 90 Sponsor Testimony
House Ways and Means Committee

Chairman Roemer, Vice Chair Merrin, Ranking Member Troy, and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee – I would like to start by saying thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 90. House Bill 90 aims to authorize a property tax exemption for disabled veterans, and their spouses. This language would replace the current partial homestead tax exemption for disabled veterans with an enhanced homestead exemption for all disabled veterans equal to all taxes imposed on the homestead.

Currently, there is a \$50,000 special exemption available for individuals who were honorably discharged with a total disability, and for surviving spouses of emergency responders who have died in the line of duty; this bill expands on the current law by increasing the exemption to equal the full value the veteran's home.

In order to apply for this tax exemption, the veteran is responsible for filling out an application, just as any other homestead exemption requires. Additionally, they must provide a discharge record showing the individual received a total disability rating and submit this to their county auditor's office as well.

House Bill 90 is one small step in which we can alleviate some of the financial pressures off of our veterans who so courageously and selflessly fought for our nation.

Chairman Roemer and the esteemed Members of the House Ways and Means Committee, I would like to thank you again for this opportunity. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.