



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Please increase the property-tax credit to cover middle-class families.



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I am in Support of this Bill and raising the Relief for Real Estate and Rental for Senior Citizens.



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I support this bill as the "Circuit Breaker" needs to be updated and the property tax credits need to be adjusted for inflation. Thank you.



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Home prices have gone way up since 2008 when eligibility for this tax credit was last updated. This update will help low-income elderly folks stay in their own homes longer, which is healthier, safer and less expensive than alternative care.



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I do not think you would be happy if you didn't get a raise since 2008. How about poor seniors who need some tax relief? Could they get the benefit of a revised income limit? Please.



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As a single female senior citizen, this bill would be a great help to me as my income is now reduced because of my retirement and my property taxes, every year, seem to swell.



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These tax credit revisions to the Circuit Breaker law will enable more senior citizens and disabled individuals to remain in their homes; the bill will also ensure that income eligibility keeps pace with inflation. This bill is important for the health and wellbeing of Missouri residents and the stability of Missouri communities. I respectfully ask your support for HB1428. Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.



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Public schools are perhaps the most important investment that a community can make. Educating children is an investment that we know not only improves socioeconomic outcomes and the economy, but improves health, decreases crime, increases civic engagement, effects that pass down generation to generation. Investing in public schools in low-income districts with disparities is especially important. Unfortunately, the direct beneficiaries of education, children, lack direct representation in government to advocate for themselves. It is imperative that you, the representatives, protect the interests of children. Already, so many school districts have been defunded to the point that kids are only in class four days a week. Missourian teachers are paid some of the lowest salaries in the country, despite providing the most important services in our communities. Schools are dependent upon property taxes to operate, yet HB 1428 will decimate their ability to function. Our childrens' schools should be the best in the country, but continually defunding them has left them running on fumes. This is not a matter of pitting our elders against children, this is a false choice set. We have billions in surplus, and decided to allocate that surplus not toward schools or elderly services, but tax cuts for the most wealthy. We could have property tax relief and strong schools, but in lieu of other funding sources—which schools should not have to be dependent upon property tax revenue, which is highly inequitable—it is incredibly important that we protect our school funding. Please do not support this bill, but find other ways to support elderly Missourians that do not come at the expense of children.



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The property tax credit income limits have not been adjusted since 2008, and due to inflation, its impact is increasingly being limited. While I support the effort of Missouri lawmakers to update the credit by expanding income eligibility as proposed by HB 1428, I do not believe this proposed legislation goes far enough. While HB 1428 would increase the income amount maximum limit to expand the number of persons eligible for the property tax credit, it does not increase the income maximum for persons who rent property, even though both renters and property owners have been subject to increased property taxes and rent charges over the past 15 years. Further, there are other proposed laws that would be more in line with the Missouri Budget Project's recommendations - i.e., HB 1636, 1670, and HB 2050- which would not only increase the income eligibility limits, but also the maximum tax credit itself see: <https://mobudget.org/mo-property-tax-credit-dec2023/>The current law provides for a maximum credit of \$750 for renters and \$1100 for owners, and these proposed laws would permit renters a credit of up to \$1055 and owners a credit of up to \$1550. I am a volunteer for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, and year after year, both property owners and renters are getting less and less of a credit, or being disqualified from the credit completely because social security payments have kept up with inflation, while the maximum income eligibility has stayed the same. Please consider HB 1636, 1670, and HB 2050 in conjunction with this law, as all of these proposed laws were also referred to the Special Committee on Property Tax Reform on Jan. 11, 2024. Thank you for considering my comments.