

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.5 OF ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFYING SENIORS TO ANY UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERAN WHO IS ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PERMANENTLY DISABLED DUE TO A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, EXCLUDING PAYMENTS MADE TO COMPENSATE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FOR PROPERTY TAX REVENUES LOST AS A RESULT OF THE EXTENSION OF THE EXEMPTION FROM STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING.

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 Representative Gallegos

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 01/18/06 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note was Prepared (Amended by the Senate State, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee 03/08/06)

1. Added a provision stating that if an owner-occupier qualifies for a property tax exemption under more than one eligibility category (e.g., the individual is over age 65 and a disabled veteran), the individual may claim only one exemption per property tax year.
2. Strikes language stating that payments from the General Fund to compensate local governments for property tax revenues foregone as a result of this bill shall be excluded from state fiscal year spending for purposes of TABOR.

As noted in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated January 18, 2006, no additional revenue would be retained as a result of this bill, given the passage of Referendum C. In addition, the estimated costs identified in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note are based on the assumption that one individual cannot claim more than one exemption per year. Thus, **the above amendments do not affect the fiscal impact of the bill. Legislative Council Staff agrees with this assessment.**

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs **Does Not Concur** **Updated Analysis**

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill does not currently include, nor does it require, an appropriation for FY 2006-07. Page three of the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated January 18, 2006, provides information about the costs of producing and distributing the 2006 Blue Book. The FY 2006-07 Long Bill appropriation

for ballot analysis, along with the balance in the Ballot Information Publication and Distribution Revolving Fund, will provide sufficient funding for the production and distribution of the 2006 Blue Book.

Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendment(s) to be offered.

Points to Consider

Although this bill would not require a General Fund appropriation for FY 2006-07, it is projected to require annual General Fund appropriations of \$1,040,000 beginning in FY 2007-08. Please note, pursuant to current law [Article X, Section 3.5 (3) of the State Constitution], this General Fund appropriation would not be subject to the six percent limit on annual General Fund appropriations. Thus, this bill would reduce the annual S.B. 97-1 transfer to the Highway Users Tax Fund by a commensurate amount.