

Testimony for the A Engrossed HB 2510 and -3 amendment Property tax senior and disabled deferral program

Summary: The bill expands eligibility to the program for anyone who had been in the program at one time and currently has either a reverse mortgage or do not meet the five year residency requirement or both. Up to 700 homesteads are allowed back into the program under the provisions of this bill. Applicants qualifying may reapply for the 2014-15 tax year in the period of January 1 to April 15 2014.

The -3 amendment

The -3 amendment clarifies that 700 are allowed in for the 2014-15 tax year and that limit is increased by 5% each year thereafter.

Tax Administration

The sponsor of the A Engrossed version and the -3 amendment worked closely with the Department to ensure that the Department can in fact identify the group targeted by this bill and manage the processing of those applications given the restrictions on technology and staff available.

The department is able to manage this additional cohort by incorporating them into the annual new applicant process and screening those applications for the criteria outlined in this bill. Notices will be sent to all inactive deferral individuals. An “inactive” individual means that the person had been in the program at one time but that is not currently active in the program.