



United Veterans' Groups of Oregon (UVGO)

**Air Force
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Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness
900 Court Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301

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Distinguished members of the committee:

**Disabled
American
Veterans**

The Nine veteran organizations that make up the **United Veterans' Groups of Oregon (UVGO)** are in unanimous support of **SB 694**. This legislation will increase the tax exemption for property tax for our most deserving disabled veterans or surviving spouses.

**Military Officer's
Association
Of America**

We hope that Oregon can follow Alabama, Arkansas, Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Washington where a totally disabled veteran may receive a full property tax exemption if the veteran receives 100% disability compensation from the VA and a rating of 100% disabled un-employability. At the same time, we hope Oregon will increase the tax exemption limit for those veterans that are rated between 40 and 90% SC Disability.

**Military Order
Of The
Purple Heart**

The alternate bill in the House (**HB 2235**) proposes to let the counties decide if they want to increase this benefit on their own. Although well intentioned, that may be unfair to the veterans of Oregon when counties are providing different levels of benefits.

**Paralyzed
Veterans
Of America**

We believe that SB 694 helps Oregon to do what we can to lessen the financial strain of these veterans that have given so much for our State and our Country.

**The Retired
Enlisted
Association**

Respectfully,

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