

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1313

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS, APRIL 2, 1991

Brief Description: Modifying qualifications for senior citizen property tax relief.

SPONSORS: House Committee on Revenue (originally sponsored by Representatives Fraser, Brumsickle, Phillips, Jones and Scott).

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McDonald, Chairman; Craswell, Vice Chairman; Bailey, Bauer, Bluechel, Gaspard, Hayner, Johnson, L. Kreidler, Murray, Niemi, Saling, L. Smith, Talmadge, West, Williams, and Wojahn.

Staff: Terry Wilson (786-7715)

Hearing Dates: April 1, 1991; April 2, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Qualifying senior citizens and retired disabled persons are entitled to a property tax exemption on their principal residence. To qualify a person must be 61 on January 1 of the application year, or retired from employment because of a physical disability. In addition, the disposable income of the applicant's household must fall below \$18,000 a year.

SUMMARY:

The age for qualification in the senior citizen property tax exemption program is reduced by one year. A person may qualify if 61 years old by December 31 of the year of application.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR:

This is a significant little step that helps seniors.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Representative Karen Fraser (pro); Representative Art Wang (pro); Ann Clifton, Thurston County Assessor (pro)