

February 5, 2025

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson
House Committee on Veterans and Military
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 281-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2213 by House Committee on Veterans and Military

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2213 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

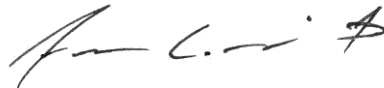
HB 2213 would prohibit the receipt of compensation for preparing, presenting, prosecuting, advising, consulting, or assisting any individual with regard to any veterans benefits matter and would list requirements if an individual was to provide any of those services. The bill would define “veterans benefits matter” and specify that violation of the bill’s provisions would be a violation of the Consumer Protection Act. The bill would be effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

According to the Kansas Office of Veterans Services, enactment of HB 2213 would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of HB 2213 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it creates a violation of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act. This could result in more time spent by judicial and nonjudicial personnel processing, researching, and hearing these cases. The Office estimates enactment of the bill could result in the collection of docket fees and fines assessed in those cases filed under the bill’s provisions, which would be deposited to the State General Fund. The bill would not affect other revenues to the Judicial Branch. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Office of the Attorney General reports that enactment of HB 2213 could increase litigation costs for the agency but is unable to estimate these litigation costs. The Office estimates that in addition to potential litigation costs, \$156,080 would be needed beginning in FY 2026, all from the State General Fund. This estimate includes 1.00 FTE Investigator position with salaries and wages totaling \$60,849, as well as 0.50 FTE Assistant Attorney General position totaling

\$66,952. In addition, technology, training, and other administrative costs for these positions would total approximately \$28,279. Future costs after FY 2026 would increase by the rate of inflation. The Office notes that violations of the provisions of the bill would have to be investigated by the Consumer Protection Division and would produce new cases that the Office would be required to process, investigate, and review, requiring an increase of internal staff. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2213 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Melissa Ford, Office of Veterans Services
Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary