

February 11, 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 2274 by House Committee on Veterans and Military

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2274 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

The bill would amend occupational licensing for military spouses. Currently a complete application includes an application, without the submission of fees, from a military spouse of an active military servicemember. The bill would remove the active requirement.

The Board of Nursing states that enactment of the bill would not affect agency expenditures but could decrease revenues depending on the number of applicants the bill would affect. The Board is unable to estimate a fiscal effect. The Board of Veterinary Examiners states that enactment of the bill could decrease revenues up to \$1,500 starting in FY 2026 since 15 military spouses could qualify to not pay the license fees.

The Kansas Real Estate Commission states that the bill could reduce its fee fund revenues between \$40,000 and \$45,000 annually. To estimate the reduction, the agency used data from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. It assumed that 7.5 percent of Kansas adults are veterans, and that 50.0 percent of those adults have a spouse. The Commission estimates that 3.75 percent of those spouses would apply for a real estate license and thus not have to pay the associated fees.

The Board of Barbering states that bill could affect agency expenditures and revenues. The agency may have to update some processes and revenues could be reduced depending on the number of military spouses that apply and renew licenses. However, the Board cannot estimate a precise fiscal effect.

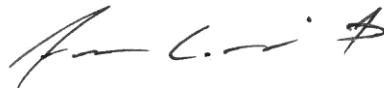
The Kansas Dental Board states that it cannot estimate how many applicants would qualify for the fee waiver if the bill were enacted. However, the Board estimates that any fiscal effect would be negligible. The Board of Examiners in Optometry indicates that passage of the bill could have a negligible fiscal effect on agency operations. The Board states that it has received a small

number of applicants that apply under the current statute. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment states that the bill would have a negligible effect on the revenues of the Bureau of Air and the Bureau of Water.

The Hearing Instruments Board of Examiners, the Board of Technical Professions, the Board of Pharmacy, the Board of Accountancy, the Abstracters Board of Examiners, and the Board of Mortuary Arts indicate that it is unknown how many additional applications would be received if the bill were enacted, which would reduce agency revenues, and therefore a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Board of Healing Arts, the Insurance Department, and the Behavioral Science Regulatory Board state that the bill would not have a fiscal effect. All agencies affected under the provisions of the bill have been asked for a fiscal note response and the Division of the Budget has received 16 out of 20 responses to date. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2274 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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