

February 9, 2026

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

Dear Representative James:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2626 by House Committee on Veterans and Military

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2626 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Currently, government employment preference includes veterans. HB 2626 would expand the preferences to include service members and eligible spouses. A service member would have to reside and be stationed in Kansas and be a current member in good standing of the Kansas Army or Air National Guard or a current member of a unit of the reserve forces of the United States military. An eligible spouse would have to reside in Kansas and be married to an active duty member of the military of the United States, current member in good standing of the Kansas Army or Air National Guard, or a current member of a unit of the reserve forces of the United States military that is stationed in Kansas. The bill details information that a service member and an eligible spouse would provide to the hiring authority. The bill would no longer require that veterans preference applicants that are not hired receive notification by certified mail.

The Office of Personnel Services, within the Department of Administration, states that it currently administers the veterans preference program. Any required adjustments to job postings or new documents to establish eligibility would not have a fiscal effect. However, the removal of notification by certified mail for unsuccessful applicants would result in postage savings for any state agency that has unsuccessful veterans preference applicants. The fiscal savings for agencies cannot be estimated.

The Adjutant General's Department and the Office of Veterans Services both state that the bill would not have a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2626 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that the bill could impact hiring and could reduce postage. However, the Association cannot estimate a fiscal effect. The League of Kansas Municipalities states that the bill could increase costs for cities because procedures would have to be modified and developed. However, the League cannot estimate a fiscal effect.

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: Beth Visocky, Office of the Adjutant General  
Kim Mason, Office of Veterans Services