



February 17, 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 2646 by House Committee on Veterans and Military

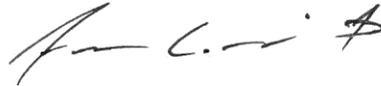
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2646 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2646 would prohibit any person from receiving compensation for veterans benefits until the person has received counseling. The bill would prohibit veterans benefit matter contracts from containing provisions on personal information and rights of a veteran. The bill would require the Kansas Office of Veterans Services to offer mandatory counseling to any potential claimant concerning the process to claim benefits.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	50,750	51,511
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	50,750	51,511
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	1.00	1.00

The Kansas Office of Veterans Services indicates that enactment of HB 2646 would increase State General Fund salary expenditures by \$50,750 in FY 2027 and \$51,511 for FY 2028 for an additional counseling position. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2646 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 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: Kim Mason, Office of Veterans Services