

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 2732 by House Committee on Veterans and Military

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2732 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2732 would require the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to create and maintain a roster of veterans with a service-connected disability who reside in Kansas as part of the statewide system of vital statistics. This roster would be used to assist cause of death certifiers to prepare death certificates and would be required to be available as detailed in the bill. The provisions related to use of the roster to assist with death certificates would expire July 1, 2031, without Legislative renewal. The bill would make related definitions and other requirements related to these death certificates. The Kansas Office of Veteran Services would be required to establish a list, and update as necessary, of all presumptive illnesses approved by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs and published in the federal register. The bill would detail instances when a death certifier would list the relationship between the cause of death and any service-connected disability or presumptive illness of such veterans. Next of kin of the veteran with such death certificate would be provided two certified copies of the death certificate without charge.

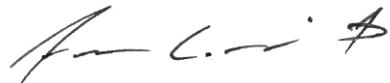
According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), enactment of HB 2732 would increase expenditures by \$978,822 in FY 2027 and \$175,660 in future years. The agency states that the Office of Vital Statistics would need to create a confidential and privileged system that contains a roster of veterans with service-connected disabilities or presumptive illnesses. This system would be required to be available to service-connected veterans or next of kin of a veteran to confirm their listing on the roster. It would also be required to be accessible to medical certifiers completing death records. KDHE notes that protections would need to be in place to ensure the confidentiality of these records, as users should only see information for a

specific veteran. Creating a supplemental death document and corresponding point of sale changes would also need to be incorporated.

The agency estimates that the new system would cost \$900,000, with a \$100,000 annual maintenance fee. In addition, the agency estimates that staff time to build and test the system is estimated at 80 hours with an employee wage of \$39.53 per hour, totaling \$3,162. KDHE anticipates that the training of medical certifiers and ongoing support of this process would require an additional position with salary and benefits estimated at \$71,660 annually. The agency also estimates that there would be approximately 200 additional free certificates provided annually, with a cost of \$20 per certificate, the annual total would be \$4,000.

The Kansas Office of Veterans Services reports that enactment of the bill would not result in a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2732 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment
Kim Mason, Office of Veterans Services