

SESSION OF 2025

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2256**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Veterans and Military

**Brief\***

HB 2256 would create the Order of the Sunflower (Order). The Order would be awarded to military spouses who are deemed to have made a significant impact on their unit command, military installation, community, or the State.

The Governor would award the Order based on submissions made to the Governor's Office through the Office of Constituent Services webpage on the Governor's website. Recommendations for the Order would be required to include dates of service, significant accomplishments, and recommendations from the unit command.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Veterans and Military at the request of Representative Butler.

***House Committee on Veterans and Military***

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Butler and a representative of the Governor's Military Council. The proponents generally stated the bill would recognize important members of Kansas military communities and build morale in those communities and households. It was also noted that as an Order, individuals would be recognized once but listed in the Order permanently.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

No other testimony was provided.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of the Governor states that additional supplies could be needed to create the new awards. However, any additional costs are estimated to be negligible. A precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Order of the Sunflower; military spouse; Governor