

February 23, 2011

The Honorable Anthony Brown, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Brown:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2211 by House Committee on Veterans, Military and
Homeland Security

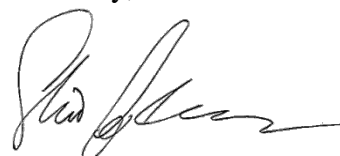
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2211 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2211 would require that, in awarding contracts for the performance of any job or service, all agencies, departments, institutions, and other organizations of the state and of any political subdivision of the state must give preference to disabled veteran businesses doing business as Kansas firms, corporations, or individuals. Businesses which maintain Kansas offices or places of business would also be included. The Department of Administration would have a goal of awarding at least 3.0 percent of all contracts to such businesses.

The bill defines "disabled veteran" as a person who has served in the armed forces of the United States and who is entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability of at least 50.0 percent according to the laws administered by the Veterans Administration. A "disabled veteran business" is defined as a business in which a disabled veteran owns at least 51.0 percent of the stock, and the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more disabled veterans.

According to the Department of Administration, passage of HB 2211 would have no fiscal effect on the state budget. It is impossible to estimate what effect passage of this bill might have on "political subdivisions," which are not defined by the bill, or private businesses.

Sincerely,



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cc: Pat Higgins, Administration