

January 28, 2014

The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 136-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

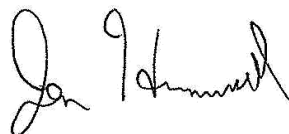
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 263 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 263 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 263 would establish the Military Honors Funeral Fund within the Adjutant General's Department, to permit receipt of grants and donations. All expenditures and monies from the Military Honors Funeral Fund would be used to provide military honors funerals.

The Military Funeral Honors Team, which consists of six personnel, performed 1,131 funerals in Federal FY 2013, according to the Adjutant General's Department. The Adjutant General's Department indicates that the Team is estimated to perform 1,200 funerals in the next year. Each funeral is estimated to cost \$200 to \$240. The current budget from the National Guard Bureau (NGB) is estimated to last until April, leaving five months without honors being provided in Kansas by the Kansas National Guard. The NGB has reduced the Team's budget over the last two years. In addition, to reducing the Kansas National Guard budget, the federal budget has also been reduced with Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley performing fewer funerals. The Adjutant General is unable to estimate the revenues that would be generated by the passage of SB 263. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 263 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Cheri Froetschner, Adjutant General's Office