

February 1, 2017

The Honorable Les Osterman, Chairperson
House Committee on Veterans and Military
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Osterman:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2175 by House Committee on Veterans and Military

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2175 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2175 would require a notice, both written and oral, be supplied to veterans prior to entering any transaction regarding veterans' benefits. The notice would read "Kansas law provides that veterans are not required to apply for any benefits or entitlements through a particular agency or company. Veterans may request assistance in applying for benefits from a veteran service officer accredited by the US Department of Veterans Affairs or the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office or any veteran service organization recognized or approved by the US Department of Veterans Affairs to assist claimants under 38 USC 5902".

HB 2175 would also require veterans, upon entering into a transaction, to sign a written notice stating "I understand that entering into this transaction does not guarantee acceptance for veterans' benefits and may delay or make me ineligible for certain veterans' and other federal benefits." The bill would exempt organizations and institutions recognized by the US Department of Veterans Affairs to assist claimants under 38 USC 5902.

The Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office indicates HB 2175 would not have a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Heim, Veterans Affairs