

February 1, 2018

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 2543 by House Committee on Veterans and Military

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2543 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2543 would establish June 27th as post-traumatic stress injury awareness day. The bill further authorized the Governor to issue an annual proclamation calling upon state officials to display the United States' flag on all state buildings on June 27th. The Department of Health and Environment along with the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office would be directed to provide education and outreach to the general public and to victims of interpersonal violence, combat, life-threatening accidents or natural disasters concerning the causes, symptoms and treatment of post-traumatic stress injury.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2018 SGF	FY 2018 All Funds	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$257,845	\$257,845
FTE Pos.	--	--	3.00	3.00

The Department of Administration indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. The Department of Health and Environment indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations because the agency already makes available and disseminates the type of information described in the bill. The agency notes that current education and other related material could be expanded within existing resources.

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The Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office estimates enactment of the bill would increase agency expenditures by \$257,845 in FY 2019, all from the State General Fund. The agency estimates providing education and outreach regarding post-traumatic stress injuries would require the agency to hire additional staff; additional travel and other operating expenses would also be incurred by the agency. Specifically, estimates include \$220,710 for salaries and wages, \$21,735 for travel, \$9,100 for office space and \$6,300 for equipment and supplies, including laptops and printers. The agency notes that estimated expenditures would be ongoing and would become part of the agency's base budget. Increasing the agency's base budget would require additional, ongoing appropriations from the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2543 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
Mark Heim, Veterans Affairs
Colleen Becker, Department of Administration