

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2020

As Recommended by House Committee on
Veterans and Military

Brief*

HB 2020 would authorize the Director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office (KCVAO) to submit, on or before April 15, 2022, an initial application to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program for the construction of a state veterans' home facility located in Douglas, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Shawnee, or Wyandotte county.

Background

The bill was prefiled for introduction at the request of Representatives Proctor, Croft, Ellis, French, T. Johnson, and Neelly.

[*Note:* HB 2020 contains provisions similar to those of 2021 SB 109 and 2020 SB 479.]

House Committee on Veterans and Military

In the House Committee hearing on February 18, 2021, **proponent** testimony was provided by Senator Pittman, Representatives Proctor and T. Johnson, the Director of the KCVAO, and a private citizen. The proponents generally stated the bill would allow Kansas to formerly make an application to be a part of the federal VA cost-share program for the construction of a new veterans' home in

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Northeast Kansas. Written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by Representatives Croft and French and 12 private citizens.

No neutral or **opponent** testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

A fiscal note was not available at the time the House Committee took action on the bill.

Veterans Affairs; construction; facility; veterans homes