

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2540

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2540, as amended, would require the Capitol Preservation Committee to approve plans to place a permanent memorial honoring Kansas Gold Star families on the Statehouse grounds. [Note: "Gold Star families" are families who have lost a family member in the line of military duty.]

The bill would authorize the Secretary of Administration to receive and expend moneys for the purpose of financing the creation and construction of the memorial and to remit all moneys received for such purpose to the State Treasurer.

The bill would establish the Kansas Gold Star Families Memorial Fund and would authorize the State Treasurer to deposit funds received for the purpose of financing the creation and construction of the memorial in the State Treasury to the credit of the Fund. Expenditures from the Fund would be authorized for the creation and construction of the memorial and for other purposes as may be required by the grantor or donor.

The bill would prohibit the expenditure of public funds for the creation or construction of the memorial.

Background

The bill was introduced by Representatives Dodson, Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Baker, Blex, Burroughs, Byers,

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Carlin, Carlson, Clark, Clayton, Clifford, Collins, Croft, Curtis, Ellis, Eplee, Estes, Featherston, Finney, French, Gartner, Hawkins, Highberger, Highland, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Hoyer, Steven Johnson, Timothy Johnson, Kelly, Kuether, Long, Meyer, Miller, Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neighbor, Osman, Ousley, Patton, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Resman, Rhiley, Louis Ruiz, Susan Ruiz, Sawyer, Schmidt, Schreiber, Seiwert, Chuck Smith, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Turner, Victors, Wasinger, Weigel, Williams, Winn, Wolfe Moore, and Woodard.

[*Note:* A companion bill sponsored by 39 senators was introduced as SB 330.]

House Committee on Veterans and Military

In the House Committee hearing on February 3, 2022, an Assistant Revisor of Statutes provided a briefing on the bill. No other testimony was provided.

Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the Senate Committee hearing on March 8, 2022, a representative of the Governor's Military Council provided **proponent** testimony on the bill. No other testimony was provided.

Senate Committee of the Whole

On March 17, 2022, the Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the statute book.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Department of

Administration states there would be no fiscal effect to agency operations because the memorial would be constructed with donations, as specified in the bill.

Memorial; Gold Star Families; Kansas Gold Star Families Memorial Fund; Statehouse grounds; Capitol Preservation Committee