

SESSION OF 2008

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2663**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

**Brief\***

HB 2663, as amended, would prohibit a veterans service representative of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs (KCVA) from taking power of attorney in the name of the KCVA when assisting a veteran with a claim.

**Background**

In 2006, the Legislature enacted House Sub. for SB 396, which directed the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs to establish and administer a program to help veterans with claims for assistance through annual grant agreements with veterans service organizations. Attorney General Opinion No. 2007-20 said current law allows representatives of both the veterans service organizations and the KCVA to take power of attorney when representing veterans in claims.

Representative Ruff, who requested and testified as a proponent of the bill, said HB 2663 is intended to clarify legislative intent of the 2006 bill. Representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and The American Legion, the veterans service organizations that currently receive grants from the KCVA, also testified in favor of the bill. The executive director of the KCVA testified in opposition to the bill.

The House Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Committee amended the bill to simplify the bill's language.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget for the original bill states that passage of the bill would not alter the fiscal responsibility of the state or the veterans service organizations and, thus, would have no fiscal effect.