

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2378

As Recommended by House Committee on
Veterans and Military

Brief*

HB 2378 would authorize and empower the Secretary of Administration, on behalf of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), to convey by quitclaim deed all rights, title, and interest in an approximate 15-acre parcel of land in Shawnee County to the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office (KCVAO). The legal description of the land from which the 15-acre parcel would be chosen is provided in the bill.

The bill would authorize the Secretary of Administration, in consultation with the Secretary of Aging and Disability Services and the Director of the KCVAO, to determine from the legal description the specific 15-acre parcel of land that would be conveyed.

The bill would not require appraisal, bid, or publication of the property that is subject to the conveyance. The Attorney General would be required to review and approve the legal description, deeds, and conveyances prior to any transfer of real estate that would be made pursuant to the bill.

The bill would make the conveyance of the real property contingent upon the receipt of funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the purpose of constructing a new state veterans home facility located in northeast Kansas, as authorized by legislation enacted by the 2022 Legislature. In the event the VA does not provide

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funding through its construction grant program for fiscal year 2024, the conveyance of the real property would not occur.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Veterans and Military at the request of a representative of KCVAO.

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In the House Committee hearing on February 14, 2023, the Deputy Director of KCVAO testified as a **proponent**, stating the bill would convey the plot of land in Topeka, Kansas, that would be used for the new northeast Kansas Veterans Home. Depending on the parcel of land that would be transferred, KCVAO would be able to expand the Veterans Home in the future, if needed.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Department of Administration, KCVAO, and KDADS all state that enactment of the bill would not result in a fiscal effect on the operations of any of the respective agencies. The Office of the Attorney General states the agency's review of the transfer documents could be completed with existing resources.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Land conveyance; Shawnee County; Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office; Department of Administration, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services