



**Thursday February 12, 2026**  
**House Bill 2627**  
**Proponent Testimony – Mike Kelly**  
**President, Kansas Council of Chapters, MOAA**

**Chairman James and Members of the Committee,**

**MOAA’s Kansas Council of Chapters supports HB 2627 but makes one recommendation for an amendment.**

**There are many Kansas Airmen, particularly in Northeast Kansas that serve in the Missouri Air National Guard at Rosecrans Air National Guard Base Missouri which is located adjacent to the Kansas border. The unit there flies the C-130 cargo aircraft. The Air Force’s Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center is also at Rosecrans ANGB Missouri. Families of Missouri Air National Guard Airmen and other Airmen stationed at Rosecrans deserve the same benefits under this bill as other Kansas residents.**

**In addition to the US Air Force fleet of C-130 aircraft, the US Marine Corps flies 66 of these cargo aircraft. Marines in the C-130 community leaving the active force can come to northeast Kansas and continue their service in the Missouri Air National Guard without retraining.**

**Our recommendation is to remove language on “stationed in Kansas” and any related language that would preclude this employment preference for Kansans serving in the National Guard of any other state or a reserve unit in another state.**

**The considerations and discussion here would apply to HB 2626 employment preferences as well.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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