

February 16, 2012

The Honorable David Crum, Chairperson
House Committee on Social Services Budget
Statehouse, Room 050-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Crum:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2696 by Representative Goico

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2696 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2696 would amend existing law concerning the Veterans Claims Assistance Program, by requiring the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs to develop and maintain an Internet-based database, organized by region, and consolidating all available resources within the state that support Kansas veterans, service members, and their families. The database would include services for homeless women veterans and resources that provide mental health and substance abuse counseling and treatment for veterans and veterans' families. The bill would also require 1.00 FTE position to coordinate outreach, collaboration, and dissemination of information regarding veterans issues.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$309,000	\$309,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	1.00

According to the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, passage of HB 2696 would result in expenses of \$309,000 from the State General Fund in FY 2013, and \$201,000 for FY 2014 and out years. This includes \$70,000 for the salary and benefits for 1.00 FTE position; \$5,000 for training; \$10,000 for travel, \$10,000 for office space, computer, and supplies;

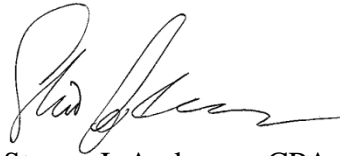
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\$100,000 for the startup fee for an Internet database, and \$114,000 to maintain the database. After the first year, the expenditures would no longer include startup costs. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2696 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Kafer Peele, Veterans Affairs