

February 26, 2020

The Honorable Will Carpenter, Chairperson  
House Committee on Social Services Budget  
Statehouse, Room 521B-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Carpenter:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2609 by Representatives Pittman, Croft, Ellis and Weigel

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2609 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2609 would require the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office (KCVAO) to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs for construction of a new state veterans home facility located in Douglas, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Shawnee, or Wyandotte county. The application would need to be submitted on or before April 15, 2021.

The KCVAO indicates the application would require documentation that there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the facility will be fully occupied, state authorization for the project, a certificate of matching funds, a five-year capital plan for the state's veteran's home program, and a financial plan for the new facility's first three years of operations. Obtaining the information for the application would require staff time and possibly the use of outside contractors, but the KCVAO estimates it could be accomplished within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2609 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Luke Drury, Veterans Affairs