

February 23, 2023

The Honorable Ronald Ellis, Chairperson
House Committee on Veterans and Military
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 281-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Ellis:

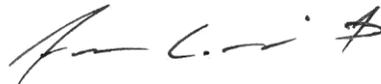
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2249 by Representative Fairchild, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2249 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2249 would enact the Defend the Guard Act. Any member of the Kansas National Guard would not be released from the state into active-duty combat unless the United States Congress has passed an official declaration of war or has taken official action to activate members of the Kansas National Guard. The Governor would be required to take actions necessary to comply with the Act. The bill would not limit or prohibit the Governor from consenting to deployment of Kansas National Guard members for defense support of civil authority missions.

The Adjutant General's Department states that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect. The Office of the Governor states that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on its operations; however, the bill could result in unknown future litigation costs for the state.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Josh McGinn, Office of the Governor
Michael Neth, Office of the Adjutant General