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The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson Senate Committee on Judiciary 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 508 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 508 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 508 would allow any homeless veteran to apply for and be issued an identification card without providing an address of principal residence and would provide alternate forms for documentation to prove identity and residency in Kansas. Identification cards issued pursuant to the bill's provisions would not be subject to fees. The bill would also provide an exemption from vital statistic fees for certain veterans for certified copies of any certificate or abstract or for a search of the related files or records.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment states that enactment of SB 508 would reduce revenue received for copies of certificates, but an exact fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The agency notes that certificates are currently \$20. The Kansas Department of Revenue reports that enactment of the bill would reduce revenue received for nondriver identification cards. Because the agency does not have an estimate of how many homeless veterans would obtain an identification card pursuant to the bill, a total fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The agency notes that the identification cards are currently \$14. Using an estimate of 199 veterans, based on HUD's latest report of homeless veterans in Kansas from January 1, 2023, the reduced revenue would total \$2,786. According to the Kansas Commission of Veterans Affairs Office, enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 508 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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