April 1, 2013

The Honorable Arlen Siegfried, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 185-N
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Siegfried:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2132 by House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2132 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Currently, net profits from the Veterans Benefit Lottery Game are deposited annually in the State General Fund. Of the amount deposited, 40.0 percent is appropriated by the Legislature to the Board of Regents for the Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Act scholarships program, 30.0 percent is appropriated for operations and capital improvements at the Kansas Veterans Home, Kansas Soldiers Home and the Kansas Veterans Cemeteries, and 30.0 is appropriated for the Veterans Enhanced Service Delivery Program. HB 2132 would cause the net profits from this game to be deposited in the Veterans Benefit Lottery Game Fund of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs (KCVA), which the bill would create, and which would not be a part of the state treasury. By the fifth day of each month, the Executive Director of the Kansas Lottery would be required to determine and certify to the Director of Accounts and Reports the total net profits from the sale of Veterans Benefit Lottery Game tickets, games and materials. The Director would then pay the certified amount to the KCVA for deposit in the fund. The Commission would be responsible for adhering to the same distribution of the proceeds as is currently made through the appropriations process.

Passage of HB 2132 would decrease State General Fund expenditures by the same amount as revenues, beginning in FY 2014. If the bill intends for the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs to administer the Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Act scholarships program, the agency states that it would need 1.00 FTE position at a cost of
$59,000, annually, from the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with passage of HB 2132 is not reflected in The FY 2014 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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