January 30, 2017

The Honorable Les Osterman, Chairperson
House Committee on Veterans and Military
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Osterman:

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

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

HB 2132 would add all positions at the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office (KCVAO) to the list of “safety sensitive positions.” Designating these positions as “safety sensitive” would make the positions subject to the state’s drug screening program as established by the Department of Administration.

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The Department of Administration indicates HB 2132 would require mandatory pre-employment drug screening for all new employees at the KCVAO. According to the KCVAO, the total annual cost to conduct drug screenings would be approximately $10,000, including $800 from the State General Fund. The estimate includes $9,000 for actual drug screening costs and $1,000 in administrative costs. The agency reached an estimate of $9,000 for drug screenings by using FY 2016 data. In FY 2016 the agency had 180 new hires and estimated a cost of $50 per drug screening (180 x $50 = $9,000). In addition to the actual cost of conducting
the drug screenings, the agency estimates $1,000 in staff time for completing administrative tasks associated with the screenings. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2132 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor’s Budget Report.*

Sincerely,

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