

February 11, 2015

The Honorable Mario Goico, Chairperson
House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security
Statehouse, Room 276-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Goico:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2228 by House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2228 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2228 would make in-state tuition and fees available to veterans and active duty members of the armed forces, their spouses and dependent children. Residency for this purpose would be without regard to the length of time the person has resided in the state, if the person files a letter of intent that he or she intends to register and reside in the state while enrolled in a postsecondary educational institution and the person is eligible for federal educational benefits for veterans.

The Board of Regents reports the bill could reduce tuition revenue at state universities. Under current law, the state universities waived out-of-state tuition of \$5,390,592 for active military persons and their families qualifying under the military waiver. The proposed changes would open in-state tuition to additional military service members living in other states. This could include many more individuals, so the reduction to revenue from the out-of-state tuition waiver would increase. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2228 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Regents