

January 29, 2013

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 2076 by House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2076 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2076 would amend existing law to exempt any person certified by the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs as a disabled veteran from the requirement to have a hunting or fishing license or to pay hunting or fishing license fees and permit fees. The bill defines a “disabled veteran” as an honorably discharged person who has a service-connected disability equal to 30.0 percent or greater.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds	FY 2014 SGF	FY 2014 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	(\$67,946)
Expenditure	--	--	--	--
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

Under current law, appropriations from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF) are made to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to reimburse the Wildlife Fee Fund for hunting and fishing licenses provided to disabled veterans at no cost. The amount of the reimbursement is then counted as part of overall license sales and increases the number of licenses for which the agency receives federal funding. By exempting disabled veterans from the requirement to have hunting and fishing licenses, the bill would reduce the amount of EDIF appropriated to the agency by \$39,827 in both FY 2014 and FY 2015. In addition, as the number of licenses sold would be reduced, federal reimbursement would also be

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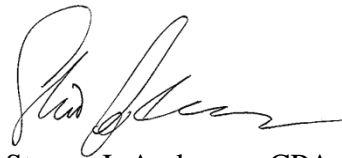
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reduced by at least \$28,119 for those same fiscal years. Persons aged 65-74 are now required to purchase licenses, so it is expected that the number of service-connected disabled veterans covered by this exemption will increase, causing further decreases to federal reimbursement.

The Department is unable to estimate at this time the loss of revenue due to disabled veterans making use of exemptions from paying all hunting and fishing fees, but expects the amount to eventually affect agency operations. According to the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, passage of HB 2076 would have no fiscal effect on the Commission. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2076 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Kafer Peele, Veterans Affairs  
Chris Tymeson, Wildlife, Parks & Tourism