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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 2154 by House Committee on Veterans, Military and

Homeland Security

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2154 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2154 would allow private employers in Kansas to establish an employment policy that gives preference in hiring to a veteran, if the veteran meets the requirements of the vacant position and provides proof of service. The employment policy must be in writing and applied consistently.

The Kansas Department of Labor states that passage of HB 2154 would have no fiscal effect on its budget. The Attorney General indicates that the only potential cost would come from a legal challenge to the law, and if such a challenge were to be made, the agency would defend the action using existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2154 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,

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cc: Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor Willie Prescott, Attorney General's Office