

Kansas

Testimony in favor of House Bill 2020

The Honorable Lonnie Clark Chairman of the KS. House Veterans and Military Committee

The Honorable Ronald Ellis Vice Chairman of the KS. House Veterans and Military Committee

The Honorable Susan Ruiz Ranking Minority Member of the KS. House Veterans and Military Committee

Veteran and Military Committee Members:

As Adjutant/Quartermaster of the Department of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars, (VFW), I strongly urge you to vote in favor of HB2020 which requires the Director of the Kansas Commission of Veterans Affairs Office to submit an initial application for a VA state Veterans Home Construction Grant.

I realize that many of the Legislators are concerned that there are unfilled beds in Winfield and Fort Dodge, but those beds are in domiciliaries or cottages. The demand for a Nursing facility in Northeast Kansas is bolstered by the fact that you have large cities such as Topeka, Lawrence, Kansas City, and Leavenworth, all within an hours drive of the proposed facility area. It is a proven fact that most families are very hesitant in putting their loved one in a home that is much more than an hours drive for them to visit.

Again, I urge you to vote in favor of HB 2020 and give it your wholehearted support!

In Comradeship

Herbert Schwartzkopf Adjutant/Quartermaster Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars