



Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kansas
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To: Senator Rick Billinger and the Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: Eugene Bradley, Legislative Liaison, EANGKS

RE: HB 2021

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kansas seeks to advocate for the benefits and rights of National Guardsmen in Kansas and are supporters of HB2021 Authorizing the issuance of bonds for the construction of a state Veterans Home in Northeast Kansas.

As the definition of a Veteran continues to expand to include more National Guardsmen who have served their State and Country with Duty Status reform, and other National initiatives, the number of Veterans that will be greatly served by the Senior Care Facility will likely be growing to include more Kansas National Guardsmen that have served this state during times of War, Natural Disaster, or other State Emergency.

Keeping Veterans in need of care close to family is vitally important and is a lesson that we have learned this past year as countless seniors have been separated from their families due to Covid-19. This home would undoubtedly go a long way to ensuring that every Veteran in need would get the care they deserve closer to home.

Please consider passage of HB 2021, and if you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

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