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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3568H.011
 Bill No.: HB 1496
 Subject: Department of Public Safety; Military Affairs; Veterans
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the operation enduring freedom, operation freedom's sentinel and operation allies refuge program which authorizes the issuance of a medallion, medal, and certificate to certain veterans who served in specified conflicts.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Veterans Commission Capital Improvements Project	Less than (\$73,000)	Less than (\$73,000)	Less than (\$73,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	Less than (\$73,000)	Less than (\$73,000)	Less than (\$73,000)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§42.312 – Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and Operation Allies Refuge Program

Officials from the **Missouri National Guard (MONG)** estimates there are 73,000 veterans eligible to receive this award. HB 1496 will have an approximate \$1,000 - \$1,095,000 fiscal impact to the Veterans Recognition program, which is funded by the Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund (0304). The wide range of estimated fiscal impact is due to the uncertainty of how many veterans will apply and be approved for the award. The estimated cost per award (medal, medallion, and certificate), including postage, is \$15. The total estimated cost would be an accumulated cost, spanning future fiscal years over the life of the program.

There are several other programs currently in place to recognize veterans of previous conflicts. A summary of program activity is contained in the table below:

Conflict	Year Program Began	Number of Awards Issued to Date
WWII	2000	47,115
Korea	2003	18,635
Vietnam	2006	32,275
Operation Desert Storm/Shield & Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn	2019	1,779

Oversight contacted the MNG to inquire how many personnel deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom’s Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge Program. However, Oversight did not received that information. Therefore, using MNG’s estimate of 73,000 current Missouri veterans, Oversight will assume approximately 40 percent of those served during this timeframe (10/7/2001 – 8/30/2021). Oversight also assumes approximately half or 14,600 ($73,000 * 0.40 * 50\%$) service members and registered veterans will apply for the medal. $14,600 * \$15 = \$219,000$

Based on the implementation of other similar programs, Oversight will reflect this cost spread over the three years ($\$219,000 / 3 = \$73,000$) of the fiscal note to the Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund. Oversight notes the ending balance in the Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund (0304) as of December 31, 2023, is \$28,640,873.

Officials from the **Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC)** defer to the MONG regarding the fiscal impact of the provisions of §42.312.

Officials from the **Office of Administration** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
VETERANS COMMISSION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TRUST FUND (0304)			
<u>Cost – MONG - New medallion program (§43.212) p. 3</u>	Less than (\$73,000)	Less than (\$73,000)	Less than (\$73,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE VETERANS COMMISSION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TRUST FUND	<u>Less than</u> <u>(\$73,000)</u>	<u>Less than</u> <u>(\$73,000)</u>	<u>Less than</u> <u>(\$73,000)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

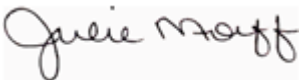
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the "Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge Program". This Program awards medallions, medals, and certificates of appreciation to a veteran that is a resident of this state, honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at any time between October 7, 2001, and August 30, 2021, and was honorably separated and discharged from military service.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety – Missouri Veterans Commission
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