

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2328S.01I
 Bill No.: SB 611
 Subject: Military Affairs; Veterans
 Type: Original
 Date: April 10, 2023

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the "Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge Program," which provides recognition medals for certain veterans.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund (0304)	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 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
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 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§43.212 – Medallion program

Officials from the **Missouri National Guard (MNG)** state with an estimated 73,000 active and registered veterans, SB 611 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, depending on the number of approved applicants. The estimated cost per medal and postage is \$15.

Listed below are the number of medals awarded to the following programs:

- 2000 – WWII medals awarded 18,554 since inception
- 2003 – Korean War medals awarded 31,524 since inception
- 2006 – Vietnam War medals awarded 47,038 since inception
- 2019 – Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield and Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn medals awarded 931 since inception

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 has not received that information yet. 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 ($73,000 * .40 * .50$) 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 as of February 28, 2023, is \$29,973,739.

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.

In response to similar legislation from 2023 (HB 836), officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Missouri Veterans Commission** deferred to the **Missouri National Guard** for the potential fiscal impact of this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
VETERANS COMMISSION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TRUST FUND (0304)			
<u>Cost – MNG (\$43.212) New medallion program</u>	<u>Less than (\$73,000)</u>	<u>Less than (\$73,000)</u>	<u>Less than (\$73,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE VETERANS COMMISSION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TRUST FUND	<u>Less than (\$73,000)</u>	<u>Less than (\$73,000)</u>	<u>Less than (\$73,000)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
	<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

MILITARY MEDAL PROGRAMS (Section 43.212)

This act establishes a new medallion program, "Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge Program". Under the act, any veteran who served on active duty during certain dates, is a legal resident of this state or was a legal resident at the time of discharge from military service, or was a Missouri National Guard member regardless of residency, is eligible for a medal of appreciation for service.

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

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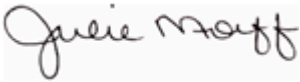
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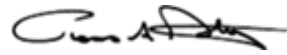
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