



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 3510	Introduced on January 14, 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	County Veterans' Affairs Officers	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Boggs	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	February 4, 2025	

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

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### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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##### State Revenue

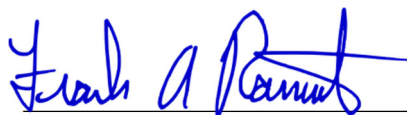
N/A

##### Local Expenditure

N/A

**Local Revenue**

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