

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 3078.

This bill would require all executive agencies, boards, and commissions to include a donation prompt for the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs on forms used in the course of state business. That would include driver license applications, motor vehicle registrations, hunting and fishing license applications, income tax forms, and other forms used to process licenses and essential services.

Official state forms used to conduct government business are not the place to solicit donations. Many state agencies perform important work, and many public causes are worthy of support. Once official state forms are used this way, every worthy cause will have reason to ask for the same treatment. That would turn routine government forms into fundraising tools, distracting from their purpose and creating unnecessary pressure on citizens simply trying to access basic state services.

I strongly encourage Oklahomans to continue to support veterans through dedicated programs, responsible funding, and donations to their preferred veteran non-profits. Oklahoma state forms should remain focused on the government function they are meant to perform, not become fundraising tools to reinforce government services.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 3078.