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March 28, 2018

The Honorable Bud Estes, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 136-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Estes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 408 by Senator Pyle

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 408 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 408 would create the Office of State Auditor, which would comprise the State Auditor and any employees deemed necessary by the State Auditor. The State Auditor would be an elected official, beginning with the general election in November 2018, with a four-year term. The bill would authorize a biweekly salary of \$3,307.81, with salary increases at the same rate of the State Treasurer, as authorized by KSA 75-3111a.

The State Auditor would have the authority to conduct audits and examinations of any state entity, including the authority to administer oaths and to issue subpoenas. The position could utilize the district court when any person willfully fails or refuses to comply with the State Auditor. The bill would outline procedures for when the State Auditor finds official misconduct; misuse of public funds; or waste, fraud or abuse by an officer or employee of the state. Prior to February 1, 2022, and every subsequent four years, the State Auditor would provide a cumulative report to the Governor and Legislature of audits and examinations conducted during the prior four years and identify all official misconduct or misuse of public funds. The bill would outline when the Office of the State Auditor would be abolished.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2018 SGF	FY 2018 All Funds	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$389,000	\$389,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	3.00

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To establish a new Office of State Auditor, the Division of the Budget estimates State General Fund expenditures of \$389,000 would be required in FY 2019. Of this amount, \$287,754 would be for salaries and wages for 3.00 FTE positions, including 1.00 FTE State Auditor with an annual salary cost of \$112,552 (including fringe benefits) and 2.00 FTE Auditors with a total annual salary costs of \$175,202 (including fringe benefits). Other operating expenditures totaling \$101,246 are estimated, including \$54,246 for rent, communications, and travel expenditures, \$25,000 for professional services, \$2,500 for commodities, and \$19,500 for capital outlay, including computers, desks and chairs. The expenditures for capital outlay would be one-time costs. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 408 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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