January 18, 2019

The Honorable Jim Kelly, Chairperson
House Committee on Financial Institutions & Pensions
Statehouse, Room 581-W
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Kelly:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for HB 2031 by Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Benefits

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2031 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2031 would add contraction of a blood borne pathogen and cancer of the brain, skin, digestive system, hematological system and genitourinary system to the definition of “service-connected” as it is used regarding the death or any physical or mental disability of Kansas Police and Firemen’s Retirement System members. The bill would also establish the conditions for determining if the contraction of blood borne pathogens or the various cancers was service-connected.

KPERS estimates that the bill would have a negligible actuarial impact to the retirement system. While the bill would require the agency to update certain publications and documents, KPERS anticipates that any costs associated the changes would be handled within existing resources.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc:  Jarod Waltner, KPERS