February 15, 2019

The Honorable Don Hineman, Chairperson
House Committee on Rural Revitalization
Statehouse, Room 186-N
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Hineman:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2154 by House Committee on Rural Revitalization

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2154 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2154 would amend employment security law to allow furloughed government employees, who are deemed essential but are not being paid during the furlough, to be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. The bill would also waive the work search requirements for employees in these situations.

The Kansas Department of Labor indicates that the payment of unemployment benefits and administrative costs for enactment of HB 2154 would be negligible. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2154 is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc:  Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor