February 14, 2020

The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Statehouse, Room 151D-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2566 by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2566 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a claimant for unemployment insurance benefits is eligible to receive benefits after the claimant has been unemployed for a waiting period of one week. HB 2566 would allow a claimant to receive compensation for the waiting week upon completion of three weeks of unemployment consecutive to the waiting week.

The Kansas Department of Labor indicates the bill would have a fiscal effect on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, but the Department is unable to calculate the fiscal effect because there are too many economic variables that are unknown or difficult to assess. The Department estimates that it is unlikely the fiscal effect on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund would be sizable. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2566 is not reflected in The FY 2021 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc:  Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor