March 4, 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 2653 by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2653 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2653 would amend the Kansas Amusement Ride Act by adding climbing walls to the definition of “amusement rides” as it is used in the Act. The bill would expand random compliance audits conducted by the Department of Labor to antique amusement rides, limited-use amusement rides, or registered agritourism activities. Antique amusement rides, limited-use amusement rides or, registered agritourism activities would be prohibited from operating unless they have available the names and training certificates of each operator. The bill would amend permit applications for amusement rides, antique amusement rides, limited-use amusement rides, or registered agritourism activities by requiring the name of the operator and the location of the ride if the ride is a permanent ride or the itinerary of the ride if the ride is a temporary ride.

The bill would require the following actions to be taken whenever a serious injury results from the operation of an amusement ride, antique amusement ride, limited-use amusement ride, or registered agritourism activity:

1. Operation of the ride would be required to be immediately discontinued;
2. The owner would be required to notify the Department of Labor within 48 hours if the injury does not result in the death of a person;
3. Operation of the ride would be prohibited from resuming until it has been inspected; and
4. The owner would be required to notify the manufacturer within 30 days after the occurrence of the injury.
The Kansas Department of Labor estimates any fiscal effect resulting from the bill could be handled within existing resources. The Kansas State Fair indicates there would be no fiscal effect on Fair operations.

Sincerely,

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