February 17, 2020

The Honorable Julia Lynn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Commerce
Statehouse, Room 445A-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Lynn:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for SB 392 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 392 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.  SB 392 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 SB 392 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