February 24, 2020

The Honorable Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Utilities
Statehouse, Room 224A-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Masterson:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for SB 448 by Senate Committee on Utilities

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 448 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 448 would amend existing law to prohibit a Board of Public Utilities customer from being assessed an amount of fees or charges that exceeds 15.0 percent of the combined charges for the provision of the customer’s sewer, water and electric service.

The Kansas Corporation Commission states that enactment of SB 448 would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.  The League of Kansas Municipalities states that for cities which operate utilities under a Board of Public Utilities, enactment of SB 448 would likely cause a reduction in revenue, as mandatory charges which these cities are required to pass on may exceed 15.0 percent of the combined utility bill, and the bill does not address how excess charges would be handled.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc:  Jake Fisher, KCC
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