

February 19, 2021

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The Honorable Joe Seiwert, Chairperson  
House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications  
Statehouse, Room 481B-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Seiwert:

**SUBJECT:** Revised Fiscal Note for HB 2381 by House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following revised fiscal note concerning HB 2381 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2381 would establish the State Energy Plan Task Force. The Task Force would be comprised of three members from the House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications, three members from the Senate Committee on Utilities, and ten members that represent the electric, natural gas, oil and gas industries, and associated energy groups and organizations. Non-voting members of the Task Force would be the Chair of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC); the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Transportation, and Health and Environment; the State Geologist; one member appointed by the U.S. Department of Defense; and one member appointed by the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board. The Task Force would develop a state energy plan providing statewide strategies specified by the bill and make recommendations regarding the statewide plan through a transparent and inclusive stakeholder process.

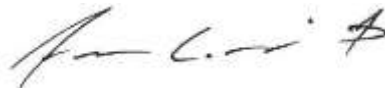
The bill would require the Task Force to submit a comprehensive state energy plan and recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications and the Senate Committee on Utilities on or before January 31, 2023. The state Energy Division of the KCC would provide administrative assistance to facilitate organization and meetings of the Task Force, and the offices of the Legislative Research Department, and Legislative Administrative Services would provide assistance as requested by the Task Force. The bill would require the Legislative Coordinating Council to approved payment to

legislative members of the Task Force for attendance at meetings. The bill would sunset on July 1, 2023 and take effect upon publication in the statute book.

According to the Kansas Corporation Commission, enactment of HB 2381 would result in expenditures of \$220,000 annually in order to carry out the duties specified in the bill. Of that amount, \$50,000 from federal funds would be spent for 1.00 FTE position to provide administrative support to the Task Force. Because of the diversity of backgrounds, interests and goals of the Task Force members, the agency indicates that a trained meeting facilitator will be necessary in order to manage the meetings. The agency does not have staff that is trained to perform these duties and estimates that the cost to hire a facilitator would be \$120,000 annually. Another \$50,000 would be spent for a research/data/information consultant. The costs of the meeting facilitator and the consultant would be paid for by assessments on utilities.

Legislative Administrative Services estimates that enactment of the bill would result in additional costs to the Legislature for FY 2022 of approximately \$33,722 from the State General Fund, assuming salary and subsistence rates are the same on July 1, 2021 as during the 2021 Legislative Session. These costs would be for six legislators attending eight meetings, with \$4,256 for salaries and wages (legislator pay  $\$88.66 \times 6 \times 8$ ), \$7,248 for subsistence ( $\$151 \times 6 \times 8$ ), \$6,720 for mileage ( $\$0.56 \times 250 \times 6 \times 8$ ), \$288 for tolls ( $\$6 \times 6 \times 8$ ), \$7,248 for en route days ( $\$151 \times 6 \times 8$ ) and \$2,548 for employer costs. The cost of a committee assistant would be \$5,414 for salary and benefits. The Legislative Research Department indicates that any costs to the Department associated with the requirements of the bill could be paid from within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2381 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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