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The Honorable Rick Billinger, Chairperson Senate Committee on Ways and Means 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 548-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Billinger:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 152 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 152 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 152 would tie salary amounts for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner, Supreme Court Justices, Court of Appeals Judges, and members of the Governor's cabinet to the annual salary of a federal congressional member not in a leadership role. On July 1, 2023, and on each July 1 thereafter, the Governor and Attorney General would receive an annual salary equal to that of a federal congressional member not in a leadership role plus 10.0 percent. The Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance, Supreme Court Justices, and Court of Appeals Judges would receive an annual salary equal to that of a federal congressional member not in a leadership role. The Chief Justice and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals would receive an annual salary equal to that of a federal congressional member not in a leadership role plus 2.5 percent.

If congressional salaries were decreased, the salaries established in the bill would remain the same for the next fiscal year unless diminished by general law applicable to all salaried state officers. On July 1, 2023, and on each July 1 thereafter, members of the Governor's cabinet would have a minimum annual salary equal to that of a federal congressional member not in a leadership role less 10.0 percent. The bill would remove the amount of the Insurance Commissioner's salary from statute and change the amount of the Lieutenant Governor's annual salary to an amount equal to 50.0 percent of a federal congressional member not in a leadership role. The bill would also remove references to increases in the annual salaries of Supreme Court Justices and Court of Appeals Judges. The bill would be effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Governor's Office, the Secretary of State's Office, the Kansas Insurance Department, the Office of Judicial Administration, the Attorney General's Office, and the State Treasurer's Office provided estimates of the increase in salary expenses beginning in FY 2024. The table below shows the estimated increases, not including fringe benefit increases.

	FY 2024	FY 2024
	<u>SGF</u>	<u>AFS</u>
Judiciary	\$190,099	\$190,099
Attorney General	9,250	92,499
State Treasurer		87,997
Insurance Commissioner		87,997
Secretary of State		87,997
Governor	71,693	71,693
Lieutenant Governor	<u>55,687</u>	55,687
Total w/o Fringe	\$326,729	\$673,969

Fringe benefit increases would range between 20.0 percent and 30.0 percent of the total salary changes. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 152 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: John Milburn, Office of the Attorney General Bobbi Mariani, Insurance Department Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary John Hedges, Office of the State Treasurer Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State Josh McGinn, Office of the Governor