

March 24, 2011

The Honorable Carolyn McGinn, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Statehouse, Room 545-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator McGinn:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 243 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 243 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 243 would create a new 12-member Joint Committee on State Authorities Oversight within the Legislative Branch. Six members each would be appointed from the House of Representatives and the Senate. The bill specifies who makes appointments, members' terms and selection of the chairperson and vice-chairperson. The bill clarifies the Committee has the authority to meet at any time and any place within the state at the call of the chairperson. Employees from the Revisor of Statutes, the Legislative Research Department, and the Division of Legislative Administrative Services are directed by SB 243 to provide assistance as may be requested by the Committee and authorized by the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC).

The Committee's responsibility is defined by the bill to monitor and study the operations and decisions of the Kansas Bioscience Authority, the Kansas Development Finance Authority, the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority, the Kansas Water Office, the University of Kansas Hospital Authority, and any port authority established by law. The Committee would have authority to introduce legislation as it considers necessary and may request professional services which must then be authorized by the LCC. Provisions of the bill expire on July 1, 2019.

Legislative Administrative Services estimates the costs for conducting two-day meetings of the new Committee at \$8,246 each. The estimate assumes 250 miles traveled per member, five legislators would claim extra time for traveling to and from the meeting, and a secretary would assist the Committee and take minutes. The Office of the Revisor and Legislative Research Department would both provide staff support to the new Committee within current

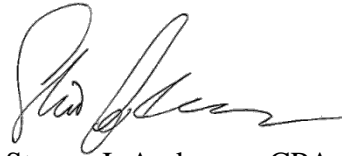
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employee assignments. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 243 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Jeff Russell, Legislative Services  
Alan Conroy, Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office