February 15, 2013

The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Schwab:

SUBJECT:   Fiscal Note for HB 2314 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2314 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2314 would amend several provisions in the state’s lobbying laws. The dollar threshold permitting hospitality in the form of recreation would be raised from $100 to $500 per calendar year. The dollar limitation for recreation would not apply to the spouse of a legislator or candidate for office. HB 2314 would also increase the dollar limitation on a meal purchased for a state officer or employee in the executive branch from $25 to $50. Lastly, the bill would require lobbyists to report any individual expenditure equal to or greater than $15. Current law requires lobbyists to report any individual expenditure equal to or greater than $2.

The passage of HB 2314 would have no direct fiscal effect on the state budget.

Sincerely,

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cc:   Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics