February 14, 2014

The Honorable Julia Lynn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Commerce
Statehouse, Room 445-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Lynn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 371 by Senate Committee on Commerce

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 371 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 371 would clarify that the 25.0 percent penalty for unlawfully obtained unemployment insurance benefits is deposited in the Employment Security Trust Fund. The bill would allow information collected under the Kansas Employment Security Law (KESL) to be used for all criminal investigations and prosecutions, not just violations of the KESL. The bill would allow the disclosure of employment security information to contractors of public officials and would place the contractors under the same disclosure and confidentiality requirements that are currently in place for public officials.

The Department of Labor indicates SB 371 would have no fiscal effect on the agency.

Sincerely,

Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc:  Dawn Palmberg, Labor