March 25, 2015

The Honorable Dennis Hedke, Chairperson
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Statehouse, Room 581-W
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Hedke:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2414 by House Committee on Energy and Environment

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2414 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2414 would require the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to submit a regulatory impact report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House one month prior to any submission of a state-implementation plan report to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act regulations. The impact report would include the following information:

1. The economic impact on businesses and citizens, and in particular, the impact on the low-income population;

2. A listing of any anticipated job losses;

3. A description of any other existing state implementation plans and the economic impact of each;

4. The existence and cost efficiency of any technology needed to achieve reduction goals;

5. A determination of whether the state plan would achieve reduction goals at sustainable costs and within the allotted time frame;

6. The remaining useful life of any impacted structure;

7. The unique policies, energy needs, resource mix and economic priorities of Kansas and the potential impact on taxpayers;
8. A determination as to whether the reduced pollutant is a significant variable in solving any actual health problems;

9. A description of any permissible options that provide flexibility in achieving reduction goals, including the averaging of emissions or any other alternative implementation measure that may further the interests of Kansas citizens, as well as any policy options for the adoption of less stringent standards or longer compliance schedules; and,

10. A cost-benefit analysis of how the plan would affect the economic well-being of the state, the projected cost to any industry affected by the plan, and the projected costs to Kansas ratepayers.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has been contacted regarding the fiscal effect of HB 2414. At this time, the Department is unable to estimate any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2414 is not reflected in The FY 2016 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Aaron Dunkel, KDHE