February 1, 2016

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2550 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2550 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2550 would amend the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act to make information contained in the central registry maintained by the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training confidential and not subject to the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA). Any other information, including complaints, reports, and records relating to a complaint, received or maintained by the Commission would also be confidential and not subject to KORA, but could be disclosed in proceedings conducted by the Commission; to a municipal, state, or federal licensing, regulatory, or enforcement agency; or to the Director of Police Training.

According to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training, passage of HB 2550 would reduce the number of KORA requests received by the agency that needed to be acted upon. The agency has always been reimbursed for the cost of records requested, however, so passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Gary Steed, Peace Officers
    Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State’s Office
    Larry Baer, League of Municipalities
    Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties