March 2, 2015

The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 136-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 242 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 242 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law gives the Director of the Division of Personnel Services of the Kansas Department of Administration authority to establish and implement a drug screening program for safety sensitive positions in state government. SB 242 would add all employees of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office to the list of safety sensitive positions defined in current law.

The Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office estimates that passage of SB 242 would require an average of 140 drug tests per fiscal year with an estimated cost of $45 per test, for an increase to expenditures of $6,300, with $270 from the State General Fund, in both FY 2016 and FY 2017. This cost would vary depending on employee turnover. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 242 is not reflected in The FY 2016 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Kafer Peele, Veterans Affairs