March 2, 2016

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 462 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 462 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 462 would make it unlawful to operate an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system less than 350 feet above private property without permission. The owner would be entitled to seek compensatory damages, injunctive relief, attorney fees, and punitive damages from the operator.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district courts which would increase the workload of judges and other staff and the collection of docket fees. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 462 is not reflected in The FY 2017 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary