March 13, 2017

The Honorable Steven Johnson, Chairperson
House Committee on Taxation
Statehouse, Room 185-N
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Johnson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2377 by House Committee on Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2377 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Calculations for Kansas income taxes are based on the Kansas adjusted gross income, which is calculated by adding or subtracting certain types of income from the federal adjusted gross income. HB 2377 would require non-wage business income to be included as income for Kansas income tax purposes beginning in tax year 2017. The bill would allow all non-wage business losses, except federal net operating loss carry forwards, to be claimed for Kansas income tax purposes. The bill would continue the non-wage business exemption for qualified livestock and Christmas trees. The bill would prohibit any penalties or interest from the underpayment of taxes from calculating non-wage business income in tax year 2017, as long as the taxes are paid by April 15, 2018.

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The Department of Revenue estimates that HB 2377 would increase State General Fund revenues by $290.6 million in FY 2018 and $227.3 million in FY 2019. The fiscal effect to state revenues during subsequent years would be as follows:
The Department of Revenue indicates that State General Fund estimates for FY 2018 and FY 2019 are based on the November 2016 Consensus Revenue Estimate. State General Fund revenues in the out years assume a 1.0 percent annual growth rate. The bill is retroactive and the fiscal effect is based on taxing non-wage business income beginning on January 1, 2017. The estimate for FY 2018 includes 100.0 percent of tax year 2017 tax liability and 30.0 percent of tax year 2018 tax liability. The estimate for FY 2019 includes 70.0 percent of tax year 2018 tax liability and 30.0 percent of tax year 2019 tax liability.

The Department indicates that the bill would require $79,534 from the State General Fund in FY 2018 to implement the bill and to modify the automated tax system. The required programming for this bill by itself would be performed by existing staff of the Department of Revenue. However, if the combined effect of implementing this bill and other enacted legislation exceeds the Department’s programming resources, or if the time for implementing the changes is too short, additional expenditures for outside contract programmer services beyond the Department’s current budget may be required.

The Department of Administration indicates that adjusting state income tax collections has the potential to have a fiscal effect on the amount of revenue collected from its debt setoff program. This program intercepts individual income tax refunds and homestead tax refunds and applies those amounts to debts owed to state agencies, municipalities, district courts, and state agencies in other states. Debts include, but are not limited to child support, taxes, educational expenses, fines, services provided to the debtor, and court ordered restitution. As the dollar amounts of refunds are decreased, the amount available for possible debt setoffs is also reduced. However, the Department is unable to make a precise estimate of the amount of debt setoffs that will no longer be intercepted as a result of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2377 is not reflected in The FY 2018 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue
    Colleen Becker, Department of Administration