January 16, 2018

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 285-N
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Barker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2438 by Legislative Post Audit Committee

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2438 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2438 would prohibit agencies from contracting with a vendor to implement an information technology project if the vendor had also prepared or helped prepare the program statement, planning documents, or any other plans for the project. The provisions would not apply to information technology projects that have a cumulative cost of less than $5.0 million. Also, the provisions may be waived if an agency has received written permission from the Chief Information Technology Officer.

The Department for Children and Families, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Department of Transportation indicate the bill would have no fiscal effect because none of the agencies have plans to implement information technology projects exceeding the $5.0 million threshold in FY 2018 or FY 2019.

The Office of Information Technology Services (OITS) estimates the bill could have a fiscal effect on the agency depending on the project but the fiscal effect cannot be estimated. For certain projects, OITS may need to obtain the services of a consultant to develop program statements and other information if OITS staff does not have expertise on the projects.

Sincerely,

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