March 20, 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 2525 by Representative Miller

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2525 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2525 would prohibit the person who holds the Office of Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, or Insurance Commissioner from engaging in any outside employment in addition to official duties of the Office.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates that enactment of HB 2525 could result in lawsuits regarding freedom of speech and expression. The OAG states that litigation could ensue in state or federal court, which would require it to defend the bill with in-house attorneys or outside counsel at the expense of the OAG. However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated because the number and type of legal challenges that would result from enactment of the bill is unknown. The Governor's Office, the Insurance Department and the Office of the State Treasurer indicate that enactment of HB 2525 would have no fiscal effect. The Office of the Secretary of State has been contacted regarding the fiscal effect of HB 2525. At this time, the agency has not responded to the request for information. However, the Division of the Budget estimates that any additional responsibilities resulting from enactment of HB 2525 could be performed within existing budget resources. If further information regarding the fiscal effect of the bill is received by the Division of the Budget, a revised fiscal note will be issued. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2525 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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