The Honorable Keith Esau, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Esau:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2684 by Representatives Parker and Carmichael

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2684 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2684 would require the Office of the Secretary of State to redact the social security number, or any portion of the social security number, from any Statement of Financial Interest filed with or in the custody of the Office of the Secretary of State prior to releasing such information. The bill would also prohibit the Governmental Ethics Commission (GEC) from requesting any portion of a social security number on Statement of Substantial Interest Forms. In addition, the bill would require the GEC and the Historical Society to redact any social security numbers listed on Statement of Substantial Interest Forms before they are released.

The Kansas Historical Society indicates that enactment of HB 2684 would result in a negligible increase in expenditures to redact social security numbers on Statements of Substantial Interest. The Governmental Ethics Commission indicates that enactment of HB 2684 would have no fiscal effect. The Office of the Secretary of State has been contacted regarding the fiscal effect of HB 2684. 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 2684 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 2684 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Chief Budget Officer

cc: Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics
Kathy Sachs, Office of the Secretary of State
Matthew Chappell, Historical Society