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The Honorable Joe Seiwert, Chairperson
House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications
Statehouse, Room 481-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Seiwert:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2701 by House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2701 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2701 would establish the Statewide Broadband Expansion Task Force. The mission of this body as defined by the bill is to:

1. Work collaboratively to evaluate the broadband needs of Kansas citizens, businesses, industries, and organizations;
2. Consider any recent actions by the Federal Communications Commission relating to broadband services including, but not limited to, the 2018 Broadband Deployment Report, recommendations of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee, and actions to implement broadband initiatives using the Connect America Fund Phase II or the Remote Areas Fund;
3. Identify opportunities and potential funding sources to expand broadband infrastructure and access to broadband services; remove barriers that may hinder deployment of broadband infrastructure or access to broadband services; and enable the creation and deployment of new advanced communication technologies;
4. Prioritize the expansion of broadband services first to unserved areas of the state and then to underserved areas of the state; and
5. Make and submit a report to the Legislature concerning all the work and recommendations of the Task Force on or before January 31, 2019.

The Task Force would be composed of 23 voting members and three non-voting members as designated by the bill. The bill would require that the members be appointed to the task force not less than 45 days after the effective date of the bill, be Kansas residents, and represent all four congressional districts in Kansas. The Task Force could meet in an open meeting any time upon call of either co-chairperson and must meet three to six times before the expiration of the provisions of the bill on June 30, 2019. Legislative members of the Task Force who attend meetings would be paid amounts specified by statute, and non-legislative members could be reimbursed by their appointing authority. The staff of the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, the Legislative Research Department, and the Division of Legislative Administrative Services would provide assistance as requested.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2018 SGF	FY 2018 All Funds	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$31,131	\$31,131
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

According to Legislative Administrative Services, enactment of HB 2701 would result in additional expenditures of \$31,131 from the State General Fund. Assuming the Task Force meets the maximum six times, payment for eight legislators would amount to \$27,261 (\$6,729 for salaries and wages + \$6,912 for subsistence + \$6,420 for mileage + \$288 for tolls + \$6,912 for en route days). Costs for committee assistance would amount to \$3,870 for salaries and wages. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2701 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Karen Clowers, Legislative Services