January 30, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government  
Statehouse, Room 223-E  
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for SB 58 by Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 58 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 58 would amend existing law concerning Internet campaign communications. Current law requires that the content of any website, e-mail, or other type of Internet communication which expressly advocates for the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office be followed by a statement identifying the person, persons, or organization paying for or sponsoring the publication. Because of the configuration of electronic media, SB 58 would require that the statement be contained in the body of the content, rather than follow the content.

According to the Kansas Commission on Governmental Ethics, enactment of SB 58 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc:  Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics