

February 21, 2019

The Honorable Don Hineman, Chairperson
House Committee on Rural Revitalization
Statehouse, Room 186-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hineman:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2366 by House Committee on Rural Revitalization

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2366 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2366 would require a ground ambulance to be staffed by an emergency medical service provider, or other healthcare provider, and an apparatus operator when transferring a stabilized patient between hospitals in a rural area. The bill would require an apparatus operator to complete an emergency vehicle operator course prior to transporting patients and to complete a refresher course approved by the Board of Emergency Medical Services every two years. In addition, the bill would define the terms “apparatus operator,” “healthcare provider,” “rural area,” and “stabilized transfer” and would allow the Board to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the bill.

According to the Board of Emergency Medical Services, enactment of HB 2366 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. However, the Board notes that the bill could result in fewer individuals becoming certified as emergency medical responders because they may choose to become certified as an apparatus operator instead, which has fewer requirements. If this were to occur, the Board indicates it would result in a decrease in revenue from fees associated with such certifications. The Board also notes that local governments would likely be required to fund the provision of an initial emergency vehicle operator course and a refresher course ever two years and that similar courses range from \$72 to \$99 per student.

The Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Municipalities indicate that enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect on counties that operate or fund an ambulance service. However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2366 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. L. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a smaller "L" followed by "Campbell".

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Joe House, EMS
Chardae Caine, League of Municipalities
Jay Hall, Association of Counties