

February 6, 2020

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 2511 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2511 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under HB 2511, no personnel, property or public funds of the state or any political subdivision could be allocated for the implementation, regulation, or enforcement of any executive order or other directive issued by the President of the United States or any act of Congress of the United States that regulates the ownership, use or possession of firearms, firearm ammunition, or firearm accessories in a manner that is more restrictive than state law. The bill would be effective upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Enactment of HB 2511 could cause differences between state and federal laws, which could cause issues with people passing background checks before buying a firearm. In addition, some states require compliance with federal firearm regulations for a Kansas concealed carry handgun license to be recognized within that state. For that reason, the Office of the Attorney General states that the enactment of HB 2511 could reduce the number of concealed carry handgun license applications and renewals which would in turn decrease revenues for the Office of the Attorney General's Concealed Weapons Licensure Fund and the applicant's county sheriff's office. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined because there is no way to estimate the number of applications or renewals.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that this bill could cause litigation under the federal preemption. If counties were part of any lawsuit because of the enactment of the bill, then there could be substantial associated costs. However, there is no way to estimate a fiscal effect.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states that it is impossible to know what future federal laws or executive orders would be more restrictive than state law or what the federal government would pursue to ensure compliance. Therefore, a fiscal effect cannot be determined. The League states that it is possible that federal funding could become conditioned on compliance. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2511 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 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, sweeping initial "L".

Larry L. Campbell
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cc: Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General
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