April 9, 2013

The Honorable Marc Rhoades, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
Statehouse, Room 111-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rhoades:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2411 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2411 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2411 would prohibit governmental agencies from purchasing an aircraft, unless the aircraft has been manufactured, assembled, and sold in Kansas. The bill would not apply to governmental agencies purchasing an aircraft for military purposes.

The Kansas Highway Patrol indicates its pilots have undergone extensive hours of required training to become certified to operate the agency’s King Air 350 airplane and the Bell 407 helicopter. The Patrol states that if these aircraft are not replaced with like models, the agency would be required to invest in additional training for the pilots. Additionally, the agency indicates because there is only one outlet in Kansas to purchase a King Air, the requirement to make the purchase from this manufacturer would eliminate the competitive bid process and potentially drive the cost of aircraft higher. The League of Kansas Municipalities states it is not possible to determine what, if any, fiscal effect enactment of HB 2411 would have upon Kansas cities since the League indicates it does not know what cities, if any, own aircraft or if there are any cities contemplating the future purchase of aircraft. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2411 is not reflected in The FY 2014 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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