February 19, 2014

The Honorable Pete DeGraaf, Chairperson
House General Government Budget Committee
Statehouse, Room 459-W
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative DeGraaf:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for HB 2653 by House Committee on Vision 2020

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2653 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2653 would establish the Kansas Legislature Paper-Free Task Force.  The task force would study and determine if the Legislature should adopt a paperless initiative to reduce the number of printed calendars, journals, bills, resolutions, reports, and other paperwork.  The bill would specify the membership of the task force and would require a meeting no later than September 1, 2014.  A report by the task force would be submitted on the first day of the 2016 Legislative Session.  Legislative members of the task force would be eligible for compensation, subsistence allowance, mileage and other allowable expenses, as provided by statute.

According to the Division of Legislative Administrative Services, the cost of one two-day meeting would total $6,807, including $6,043 for allowable legislative member expenditures and $764 for secretarial expenses, all from the State General Fund.  The agency notes that it does not know how many times the task force would need to meet for its stated objectives.  Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2653 is not reflected in The FY 2015 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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Interim Director of the Budget

cc:  Jeff Russell, LAS