

February 16, 2022

The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Statehouse, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2703 by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2703 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

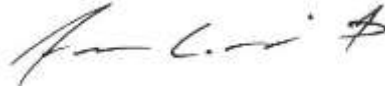
HB 2703 would require that the My Reemployment Plan Program be mandatory for those receiving unemployment insurance benefits. The only exceptions from this requirement would be for those that are exempt from work search requirements and those no longer residing in Kansas. The bill would also make several modifications to the current program, including requiring the Secretary of Labor, instead of the Secretary of Commerce, to request that claimants upload or create a complete resume in the KANSASWORKS Workforce system, and complete a job search plan that includes a skills assessment component.

The Secretary of Commerce would be allowed to require claimants to participate in reemployment services and claimants would have 14 days, instead of the current 7 days, to respond to the Secretary. The bill would specify that the educational institution, instead of the Secretary of Commerce, would be responsible for establishing and monitoring attendance and progress requirements for the program. In addition to changes to the My Reemployment Plan Program, the bill would also amend the solvency and credit rate schedules for the Employment Security Fund found in KSA 44-710a to round to two decimal places.

The Kansas Department of Commerce reports that enactment of HB 2703 would not have any fiscal effect on agency operations. The Kansas Department of Labor states that the amendment to decimal places in HB 2703 should have a negligible effect on agency operations. The agency also states that coordination with the Department of Commerce on the My Reemployment Plan

requirements is ongoing, and enactment of the bill is not expected to have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2703 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor
Sherry Rentfro, Department of Commerce