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Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 69 by Senator Corson

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 69 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 69 would impose requirements for the drawing of congressional, senatorial, representative, and board of education districts for reapportionment plans. The bill would specify that no reapportionment plan or district may be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party. The bill would allow any party aggrieved by a reapportionment plan to seek remedy in the Kansas Supreme Court.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates that the agency would likely become involved in any litigation that would be allowed in the bill. The agency notes that it could require the hiring of outside counsel for expertise to represent the state's interest. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated, but could be significant, depending on the outcome of the case and any appeals made. The fiscal effect for the Office of Judicial Administration and the Legislature would be negligible. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 69 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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