

February 22, 2011

The Honorable Steve Brunk, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Brunk:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2154 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2154 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2154 would prohibit certain state officers and employees from being employed or receiving compensation for any work outside their official duties that equates to more than ten hours per week. The bill would include the Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Insurance, State Treasurer, each cabinet appointee, and the public information officers, attorneys, personal secretaries, and special assistants for the Department of Administration, Department of Aging, Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Corrections, Department of Health and Environment, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Department of Transportation, Department of Wildlife and Parks, and Juvenile Justice Authority. Any violations of the bill would result in a class A misdemeanor.

Enactment of HB 2154 could increase costs for courts, counties, and the Office of the Attorney General for cases in which the Office provides legal assistance to county or district attorneys. However, because it is believed that the number of offenders who would be prosecuted or convicted under the bill would be low, it is estimated that any fiscal effect resulting from passage of HB 2154 could be handled within existing state and local resources.

Sincerely,



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