

February 7, 2012

The Honorable Clark Shultz, Chairperson
House Committee on Insurance
Statehouse, Room 166-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Shultz:

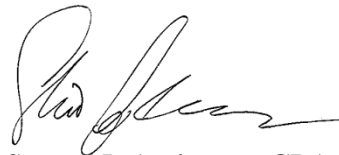
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2448 by Representative Ward

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2448 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2448 would require municipalities that pay premiums for health benefit plans for firefighters to continue to pay for these premiums for the surviving spouse and dependent children of a firefighter who dies in the line of duty, with certain exceptions.

Enactment of HB 2448 would have no fiscal effect on the state. According to the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) and the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC), enactment of HB 2448 would increase municipality health care costs. However, the number of firefighters who died in the line of duty in the past year and how many surviving spouses or qualified dependents they had is not known. Therefore, neither organization has an estimate of the increased health care costs.

Sincerely,



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cc: Zac Anshutz, Insurance Department