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Sam Brownback, Governor

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The Honorable Ruth Teichman, Chairperson Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance Statehouse, Room 236-E Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Teichman:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 250 by Senators Faust-Goudeau, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 250 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 250 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 SB 250 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 SB 250 would increase municipality heath 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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