

February 8, 2013

The Honorable Marvin KleeB, Chairperson  
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development  
Statehouse, Room 286-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative KleeB:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2179 by House Committee on General Government  
Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2179 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law directs the Secretary of Labor to handle unpaid wage claims and essentially represent the employee to take action to enforce or defend such claims when they are at least \$10,000. HB 2179 would remove the obligation of the Secretary to take assignment of these claims once the administrative order becomes final.

The Department of Labor would realize a negligible reduction in revenues from attorney fees allowed for recovery of wage claims assigned to the Department. These fees, however, are seldom ever realized and the cost to the agency for legal and support services in collection attempts far exceed revenues. The bill would, therefore, reduce the necessary administrative work in these cases, freeing staff to work on other issues. The bill would have no effect on the Judiciary. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2179 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor  
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary