

February 2, 2015

The Honorable Mark Kahrs, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 286-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kahrs:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2143 by Representative Ward

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2143 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2143 would create the Kansas Integrity in Government Act. The bill would prohibit an individual holding a state elected office from lobbying or being employed as a lobbyist within one year following the date of resignation or expiration of the term of office. The bill would also prohibit an individual appointed by a state elected official who serves as an agency or department head or a member of the official's senior staff from lobbying or being employed as a lobbyist within one year following the date of resignation or expiration of the term of office. For the purposes of this bill, "elected state office or elected state official" would be defined as the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Insurance, and members of the Legislature. The Governmental Ethics Commission would be required to adopt rules and regulations to implement this Act. The bill would also make technical changes to existing law.

According to the Governmental Ethics Commission, developing rules and regulations in response to passage of HB 2143 would have no fiscal effect on the agency.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics