

February 9, 2015

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2161 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2161 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2161 would require courts to apply a neutral principles of law analysis in handling any church property dispute. The neutral principles of law analysis means that the dispute would be handled in a secular manner and the same way as any other property dispute.

The Attorney General indicates that the only potential cost from passage of HB 2161 would come from a legal challenge to the law. If such a challenge were to be made, the agency would defend the action using existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2161 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Willie Prescott, Attorney General's Office