

January 25, 2016

The Honorable Dennis Hedke, Chairperson
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Statehouse, Room 581-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hedke:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2500 by Representatives Ward and Kuether

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2500 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2500 would create the Kansas Ratepayer Protection Act, which would prohibit the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) from modifying, expanding, or abandoning the existing statutory powers, duties and functions of the Board or the Consumer Counsel. The bill would also allow the Consumer Counsel to communicate with any person or organization regarding matters that pertain to the powers, duties and functions of the Board or the Counsel.

According to the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board, passage of HB 2500 would have no fiscal effect, as it does not alter any power, duty or function of the agency that has not already been accounted for in workload assumptions and budget. In addition, the agency states that there would be no fiscal effect on local governments because CURB does not exercise any powers, duties or functions that affect local governments.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Shonda Smith, CURB