Shawn Sullivan, Director of the Budget



Sam Brownback, Governor

February 15, 2016

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson House General Government Budget Committee Statehouse, Room 165-W Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2524 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2524 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

For calendar year 2017 and each consecutive year, HB 2524 would provide that all state offices would be closed on the following legal public holidays:

- 1. New Year's Day (January 1);
- 2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (the third Monday in January);
- 3. President's Day (third Monday in February);
- 4. Memorial Day (last Monday in May);
- 5. Independence Day (July 4);
- 6. Labor Day (first Monday in September);
- 7. Columbus Day (second Monday in October);
- 8. Veterans' Day (November 11);
- 9. Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November); and
- 10. Christmas Day (December 25).

The bill would not apply to those state offices that are deemed essential.

According to the Department of Administration, enactment of HB 2524 would result in one additional holiday (President's Day) during FY 2017 and two additional holidays in FY 2018 (President's Day and Columbus Day) that are not currently recognized by the closing of state offices. The Department estimates that additional FY 2017 expenditures of \$428,500 from all funding sources would be required, including \$161,631 from the State General Fund, for additional holiday pay for those state employees that are deemed essential. The State General Fund estimate is based upon the statewide salaries and wages percentage budgeted in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report* of 37.7 percent. The Department notes that this estimate does

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not include any holiday compensatory time or holiday credit that employees may accrue, as well as any fringe benefit costs.

The Department also states that the bill would require the addition of the holidays to the holiday table in SHARP, the state's personnel system, as well as an amendment to the current administrative regulations on state holidays. However, the costs of these activities would be negligible. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2524 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Colleen Becker, Department of Administration