

February 23, 2016

The Honorable Mark Hutton, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hutton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2637 by Representative Carmichael

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2637 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2637 would remove statutory references to the sixth edition of the American Medical Association (AMA) guides to evaluation of permanent impairment that went to effect on January 1, 2015, and reverts back to the fourth edition of this publication.

The Department of Labor indicates HB 2637 would have no fiscal effect on its operations. The Insurance Department and the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) indicate the reference change from the sixth edition to the fourth edition of the AMA Guide could affect some determinations of physical impairment in certain workers compensation cases. However, the Insurance Department and KDHE do not have enough data to estimate the resulting fiscal effect on workers compensation claims or benefit payments from the Insurance Department's Workers Compensation Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2637 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor
Aaron Dunkel, Health & Environment
Glenda Haverkamp, Insurance