

February 17, 2019

The Honorable Bill Sutton, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 274-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Sutton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2169 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2169 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law excludes communications by an incumbent elected state or local officer from the definition of campaign expenditures unless the primary purpose is to expressly advocate the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate. HB 2169 would clarify the types of phrases considered to expressly advocate the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate to include "other phrases where reasonable minds could not differ as to whether it encourages actions to elect or defeat one or more clearly identified candidates." The bill would also remove the requirement that the name of the campaign treasurer be included in the attributions on campaign ads.

According to the Secretary of State, enactment of HB 2169 would have no fiscal effect on the agency or on Kansas counties.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Bryan Caskey, Office of the Secretary of State