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

Dear Representative Sutton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2612 by Representative Holscher, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2612 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2612 would amend existing law concerning endorsement of candidates and office holders in political advertising. The bill would require a candidate or office holder to remove an endorsement by an individual from the website and all other social media of the candidate or office holder within 14 days of receipt of the written request of the individual. The bill would also prohibit the use of statements of an individual endorsing a candidate or office holder or opposing a different candidate or office holder without written consent of the individual.

The Governmental Ethics Commission, Secretary of State and Office of Judicial Administration all state that enactment of HB 2612 would no fiscal effect on individual agency operations.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics