

February 3, 2021

The Honorable Joe Seiwert, Chairperson
House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications
Statehouse, Room 481B-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Seiwert:

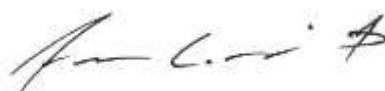
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2181 by House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2181 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2181 would require the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to report to the Legislature on or before February 1 of each year on the average residential, commercial and industrial electric rates charged by electric public utilities in Kansas in comparison to those average rates in at least nine states in the region, including states contiguous to Kansas. This report must contain financial, statistical, and narrative information outlining the components comprising each utility's average rates and any other information the KCC deems appropriate. The report would not need to include information concerning any municipal or cooperative electric public utility that has exempted itself from the jurisdiction, regulation, supervision and control of the KCC. The bill would also make technical corrections to existing law.

According to the Kansas Corporation Commission, enactment of HB 2181 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. However, the agency indicates that if a deeper analysis of electric public utility rates was required by the Legislature, the cost would be approximately \$50,000 for an outside consultant to complete the analysis. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2181 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Jake Fisher, KCC