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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS
TESTIMONY ON SB 91
DISASTER REIMBURSEMENT FUND
FEBRUARY 5, 2013

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Senate Bill 91 is designed to strengthen disaster management, response and recovery efforts in the state of Kansas.

This bill accomplishes two critical goals:

The bill establishes two funds to support disaster management, response and recovery efforts and enhance homeland security and emergency management efforts in the state. There is nothing in this bill that would put any funds into any of the proposed funds at this time.

1. The disaster reimbursement fund would be used for the expenses of any disaster which was issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster emergency. When disasters occur and are severe enough to receive a federal disaster declaration, funds would be used to meet the state match portion for allowable expenses. Currently, on federally declared disasters, the federal government pays 75 percent of the cost of allowable expenses related to the disaster. For the 25 percent match requirement, the local community covers 15 percent and the state picks up the remaining 10 percent.

2. The second fund is the Kansas emergency management and homeland security fund. This fund would only receive interest monies from the disaster reimbursement fund on a monthly basis if funds are in the disaster reimbursement fund. On or before the 10th day of each month, the director of accounts and reports would transfer to the Kansas emergency management and homeland security fund interest earnings based on the average daily balance of moneys in the disaster reimbursement fund for the preceding month. This funding would allow for the agency to enhance emergency management and homeland security operations in the state as funds allow.

I appreciate your time and ask for your support.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted by:
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