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The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 5 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 5 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 5 would amend the Transparency in Revenues Underwriting Elections Act. The bill would prohibit any governmental agency, including any elected official, from accepting or expending any moneys from the federal government, except as provided by acts of appropriation or state law, for expenditures related to conducting, funding or otherwise facilitating an election or for election-related activities, including voter registration and voter assistance. The bill would limit the use of money from the federal government to be expended only for purposes authorized by an act of Congress appropriating the money. "Governmental agency" would be defined as the state or any agency or political subdivision or instrumentality of the state.

The Secretary of State indicates SB 5 would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. The agency is aware of no instance of federal funds provided to the agency or local election officials that were not authorized by a federal act of appropriation.

The Association of Kansas Counties indicates SB 5 could have a fiscal effect on counties because the prohibition on accepting and expending moneys from the federal government is so broad. The counties would not be able to use federal funding without state approval. However, the Association is unable to estimate the fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

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