

February 9, 2011

The Honorable Carl Holmes, Chairperson  
House Committee on Energy and Utilities  
Statehouse, Room 174-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Carl Holmes:


SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2164 by House Committee on Energy and Utilities

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2164 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2164 would clarify the title to pore space in all geological formations underlying the surface of land and water belongs to the owner of the mineral rights or interest. Title to pore space could not be severed from the title to the mineral rights or interest. Leasing pore space would not be prohibited. The bill would not affect transactions related to pore space that occurred prior to the passage of HB 2164.

The bill would not have a fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures. Any effect at the local level would be limited to questions of land ownership in cities or counties.

Sincerely,



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