

March 20, 2012

The Honorable Marc Rhoades, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
Statehouse, Room 351-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rhoades:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2788 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2788 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2788 would prohibit any money appropriated by the Legislature to be used for publicity or propaganda purposes, or for the preparation, distribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, electronic communication, radio, television or video presentation designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before the Legislature or local government legislative body or designed to support or defeat any proposed or pending regulation, administrative action, or order issued by any state agency or local government.

The bill would also prohibit any portion of any appropriation to be used to pay the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting on behalf of such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, an appropriation, a regulation, an administrative action, or an executive order proposed or pending before the Legislature or local government legislative body.

The prohibitions above would include any activity to advocate or promote any proposed, pending or future federal, state or local tax increase, or any proposed, pending, or future requirement or restriction on any legal consumer product, including its sale or marketing, including, but not limited to, the advocacy or promotion of gun control.

It is estimated that there would be no fiscal effect for state agencies to adhere to the requirements of HB 2788. The Department of Administration notes that the Kansas Public Broadcasting Council (KPBC) is the only organization within the Department that employs lobbyists and that the KPBC would need to submit documentation as evidence proving that no

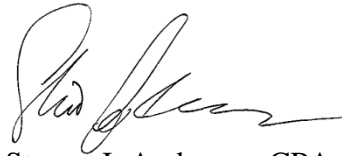
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money appropriated by the Legislature has been used for lobbyists' salaries or expenses. The Department of Education also indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics
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