

February 14, 2012

The Honorable Susan Wagle, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Commerce
Statehouse, Room 135-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Wagle:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 416 by Senate Committee on Commerce

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 416 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 416 would transfer the State Workplace Health and Safety Program from the Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) to the Department of Labor on July 1, 2012. The bill would also clarify in statute that the Secretary of Health and Environment administers the State Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund, not the Secretary of Administration. Lastly, the bill creates the State Workplace Health and Safety Program Fund in the state treasury for the Secretary of Labor to use for operating the State Workplace Health and Safety Program. The Secretary of Labor would certify to the Secretary of KDHE at agreed upon times the amount necessary to operate the program so that the Director of Accounts & Reports can transfer the amount from the State Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund to the State Workplace Health and Safety Program Fund.

According to the Department of Labor, the agency already administers the program through a contractual arrangement with KDHE, so enactment of this bill would result in no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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