

February 20, 2013

The Honorable Pete DeGraaf, Chairperson  
House Committee on General Government Budget  
Statehouse, Room 459-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative DeGraaf:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2354 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2354 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2354 would amend existing law to raise the fees that candidates for state and local office, political action committees (PACs) and lobbyists pay to the Governmental Ethics Commission. Current law requires that the revenue generated by civil penalties and fines go to the Governmental Ethics Commission Fee Fund. HB 2354 would deposit that revenue in the State General Fund.

The Governmental Ethics Commission estimates that passage of HB 2354 would result in additional revenue to its fee fund in the amount of \$45,555 in FY 2014 and \$36,370 in FY 2015. The Commission indicates that the additional fees associated with passage of the bill would be ongoing. Candidate fees are received mainly in odd-numbered fiscal years, while PAC and lobbying fees are received annually. The Commission indicates that it has never budgeted for civil penalties and fines, and therefore cannot provide an estimate for potential revenue from this source for FY 2014 and out years. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2354 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics