

February 21, 2014

The Honorable Marvin Kleebl, Chairperson  
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development  
Statehouse, Room 286-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kleebl:

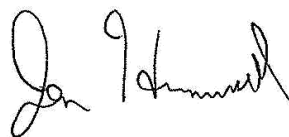
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2616 by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2616 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2616 would require the Kansas Department of Labor to submit a report on the feasibility of carrying out a state plan that provides for safe and healthful employment that is at least as effective as the standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The report would be submitted to the President of the Kansas Senate and the Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives on or before January 12, 2015. The report would include an outline of the proposed state plan, a list of changes in statutes and rules and regulations required by the federal government as part of the proposed state plan, a list of additional staff and positions required to implement the proposed state plan, and a projected date that the cooperative agreement could be executed. The bill would allow the State of Kansas to enter into partnerships with other states to carry out the objectives of the state plan.

The Department of Labor indicates the costs associated with researching and submitting a report on the feasibility of carrying out a state plan would be negligible and could be conducted within existing resources and staff levels. The agency estimates the report would require a total of 150 hours to research and write.

Sincerely,



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Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor