



February 18, 2014

The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chairperson
House Committee on Insurance
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwab:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2678 by House Committee on Insurance

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2678 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2678 would limit recovery of attorney fees in claims for property damage. The bill states that in claims for property damage, caused by loss from fire, tornado, lightning or hail, the court would allow the plaintiff a reasonable sum for attorney fees. The bill makes an exception for costs when an offer is made by the insurance company before commencement of the action in which judgment is rendered and the amount recovered is not in excess of the offer.

HB 2678 would have no fiscal effect on the state. The enactment of the bill could limit the fees that private attorneys receive under the conditions described in the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Hummell".

Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Zac Anshutz, Insurance