

January 22, 2013

The Honorable Julia Lynn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Commerce
Statehouse, Room 445-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Lynn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 31 by Senate Committee on Commerce

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 31 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 31 relates to professional employees' organizations (PEOs). The bill makes it unlawful for any PEO to use any dues, fees, assessments or any period payment deducted from a member's paycheck for the purpose of engaging in political activities. If a member wishes to donate money for political activity by the PEO, a specific donation must be made to a separate fund so designated. The bill defines political activity for the purpose of enforcement of its provisions.

The bill amends the Public Employer-Employee Relations Act (PEERA) to make it unlawful for a public employee organization to spend any of its income to engage in public activities.

According to the Department of Labor, enactment of SB 31 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. The agency would use existing resources to investigate filings on prohibited practices under this act. The Department of Administration and the Governmental Ethics Commission both indicate the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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