

February 19, 2014

The Honorable Dennis Pyle, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Local Government
Statehouse, Room 234-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pyle:

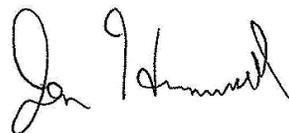
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 388 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 388 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 388 would require cities and counties to pay premiums for the continuation of coverage under COBRA for the surviving spouse and any eligible children under the age of 26 of any emergency personnel who dies in the line of duty. The benefits would end at the earlier of, 18 months following the death of the emergency personnel, the remarriage of the surviving spouse, or when the surviving spouse reaches the age of 65. The bill defines "emergency personnel," "health benefit plan," and "municipality."

The League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties indicate a fiscal effect cannot be estimated because it is not known how many emergency personnel would die in the line of duty during a year and the number of potential beneficiaries.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Steve Sutton, EMS
Larry Baer, League of Municipalities
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties