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The Honorable Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Statehouse, Room 545-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Masterson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 396 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 396 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 396 would raise the total construction cost of a building or for major repairs to $1.0 million before the Secretary of Administration must convene a meeting of the State Building Advisory Commission to prepare a list of three to five qualified firms for selection of architectural and engineering services. Under current law, the Secretary convenes a meeting if the construction or repairs to a building exceed $750,000 when architectural services are desired or $500,000 when engineering services are desired. The bill would eliminate this requirement. The bill would also eliminate the requirement for publishing a notice in the *Kansas Register* and for the holding of a public hearing of the State Building Advisory Commission for projects requesting alternative delivery procurement.

The Department of Administration indicates there would be no fiscal effect on agency operations if SB 396 were enacted. The Kansas Board of Regents states that enactment of SB 396 would reduce the time spent for advertising, reviewing qualifications, short-listing, and interviewing and selecting design professionals. Further, enactment of the bill would reduce the time spent by architectural and engineering firms generating materials, traveling, and preparing for interviews. At this point, the Board cannot estimate a fiscal effect or any administrative savings by state universities if the bill were enacted. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 396 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,
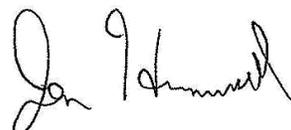
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cc: Pam Fink, Department of Administration