

February 18, 2014

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

Dear Senator Lynn:

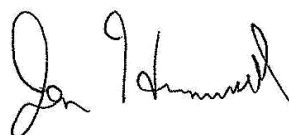
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 398 by Senate Committee on Commerce

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 398 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 398 would create the Public Service Benefits Protection Act. The bill would provide workers compensation coverage for firefighters, law enforcement officers, and corrections officers who suffer from coronary disease, coronary artery disease, or cerebrovascular injury that was caused by a specific event occurring in the course and scope of employment. The specific event would be required to be the prevailing factor in causing the coronary disease, coronary artery disease, or cerebrovascular injury. The coverage would be allowed for events occurring on or after July 1, 2014.

Department of Labor indicates SB 398 has the potential to increase the number of workers compensation cases that would have hearings before Administrative Law Judges or the Workers Compensation Appeals Board. The Department indicates the costs associated with conducting additional hearings as a result of this bill would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources. Data from injury reports submitted by local governments to the Workers Compensation Division of the Department of Labor indicate that on average only one or two cases per year would be compensated under the provisions of this bill, which would have a negligible fiscal effect on local governments. The bill would have no fiscal effect on the State Self Insurance Fund or the Insurance Department. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 398 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dawn Palmberg, Labor
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