

January 30, 2015

The Honorable Mario Goico, Chairperson
House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security
Statehouse, Room 276-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Goico:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2097 by House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2097 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2097 would allow the State Fire Marshal to enter into contracts to establish regional emergency response, search, and rescue teams that respond to hazardous materials or search and rescue incidents. The State Fire Marshal would appoint a Search and Rescue Advisory Committee to act as an advisor to the State Fire Marshal. The Search and Rescue Advisory Committee would comprise one member from each search and rescue region; one representative from the Kansas Division of Emergency Management; one representative from the Kansas National Guard/Crisis City; one representative from the Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute; and one representative from the Kansas Search and Rescue Dog Association.

The bill would change the name of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Fund to the Emergency Response Fund. If the balance in the Emergency Respond Fund falls below \$500,000, the bill would allow the State Fire Marshal to transfer an amount from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund to increase the balance to \$500,000. The bill also makes a technical adjustment to current law regarding the definition of "employee" by changing the name of "Commissioner of Juvenile Justice" to the "Secretary of Corrections."

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2015 SGF	FY 2015 All Funds	FY 2016 SGF	FY 2016 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	--	\$200,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

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The State Fire Marshal estimates additional expenditures of \$200,000 from agency fee funds and 2.00 additional non-FTE unclassified permanent positions would be needed in FY 2016 if HB 2097 were enacted. Of that amount, \$113,574 would be for salaries and wages for a new Coordinator/Trainer non-FTE unclassified permanent position, a new Administrative Assistant non-FTE unclassified permanent position, and a salary increase for the Hazmat Program Manager who would oversee the emergency response teams. The remaining \$86,426 would be used to provide training and to reimburse related expenses. For FY 2017, the agency estimates additional expenditures of \$250,000 from agency fee funds. Of that amount, \$114,103 would be for salaries and wages and \$135,897 would be for training and to reimburse related expenses. The estimated expenditures for FY 2017 are an increase of \$50,000 over the FY 2016 estimated expenditures because of additional training required to receive certification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for members of the regional emergency response, search, and rescue teams to respond to natural disasters. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2097 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Becky Bahr, Fire Marshal's Office