

February 23, 2015

The Honorable Mark Hutton, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hutton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2325 by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2325 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2325 would enact the Public Employee Bargaining Transparency Act. The bill would require collective bargaining sessions between a public employer and a labor organization to be public meetings and would be subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act. HB 2325 would require that the public be given a 24-hour's notice before the time of a meeting. The bill would specify that certain meetings would be exempt from the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

The bill would allow any documents which are created or presented to the public employer in the course of collective bargaining sessions, or which are received from the labor organization by the public employer in the course of collective bargaining, to be subject to the Kansas Open Records Act. The documents could not be open for inspection by any person until the public employer and the labor organization agree to the terms of a written collective bargaining agreement; however, tentative collective bargaining agreements would be subject to the Kansas Open Records Act. Public employers would be required to operate or contract for the operation of a website that allows the public access to all tentative and finalized collective bargaining agreements.

The Department of Administration and the Department of Labor state that enactment of HB 2325 would have no fiscal effect. The League of Kansas Municipalities states passage of HB 2325 could have a fiscal effect on Kansas cities that have collective bargaining units; however, the League is unable to estimate a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Larry Baer, League of Municipalities
Pam Fink, Department of Administration