

February 24, 2015

The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 136-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 223 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 223 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 223 would limit the duration of regular sessions of the Kansas Legislature to not more than 60 calendar days. The bill would allow sessions to extend beyond 60 days by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of each house.

According to Legislative Administrative Services, it costs approximately \$66,000 for each day of a regular session of the Kansas Legislature, all from the State General Fund. This estimate includes salaries and wages for all legislators and staff, mileage and subsistence expenditures, printing, supplies, and all other operating expenditures. With enactment of SB 223, the bill has the potential to reduce expenditures from the State General Fund by \$1,980,000 each year, beginning with the 2016 Legislative Session, by reducing the duration of a legislative session from 90 days to 60 days ($\$66,000 \times 30 \text{ days} = \$1,980,000$). However, this savings estimate could be reduced with an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Legislature to extend a session beyond 60 days. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 223 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Karen Clowers, LAS