

March 23, 2016

The Honorable Jeff King, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 341-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 487 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 487 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 487 would modify procedures for holding a closed or executive session of an open meeting. Motions to go into executive session must include the justification for closing the meeting. Justifications for closing meetings would be limited to the circumstances listed in the bill.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, making changes to the Kansas Open Meetings Act could result in new issues that have not been litigated or for which no Attorney General's Opinion exists. If the number of opinion requests related to SB 487 is large, additional staff attorneys could be required to handle the workload. Also, the Attorney General's Office could be required to be involved in cases that are brought questioning the application of the bill. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional opinion requests and cases that may occur. Therefore, a fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 487 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Willie Prescott, Attorney General's Office