

March 22, 2017

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 285-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2401 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2401 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, employees have the right to self-organization, including to form, join or assist labor organizations and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing. Employees also have the right to refrain from such activities. HB 2401 would amend current law by disallowing dues, fees, money and other assessments deducted from a labor organization member's paycheck for the purpose of engaging in partisan or political purposes. HB 2401 would further require all labor organizations that desire to make expenditures for partisan or political purposes to establish a specific political fund to be operated separately from any account containing money received by members' dues. Labor organizations could use member dues to solicit contributions from members for the political fund and use member dues to communicate directly with members about political candidates or issues.

The Department of Labor, Highway Patrol and the Office of the State Fire Marshal indicate the bill would have no effect on operations. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates the bill would have a negligible effect on Kansas cities.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor
Becky Bahr, Office of the Fire Marshal
Kim Torrey, Highway Patrol
Larry Baer, League of Municipalities