

January 26, 2018

The Honorable Blaine Finch, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Finch:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2521 by Representative Swanson

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2521 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2521 would expand the Kansas No-Call Act by adding new requirements for telephone solicitors who use automatic dialing-announcing devices or “robocalls.” Robocalls would be prohibited unless the person being solicited has consented to or authorized receipt of the message, or the message is immediately preceded by a live operator who obtains the person’s consent. The bill would prohibit robocalls before 9:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. Robocalls could not be made to hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, recuperation centers, ambulance services, emergency medical service facilities, mental health centers, psychiatric hospitals, state institutions for people with intellectual disabilities, law enforcement agencies, or fire departments.

The Office of the Attorney General estimates that it would receive additional complaints to its Consumer Protection Division; however, it is unable to estimate the number of additional complaints that may be filed with the agency. If the number of complaints is high, the Office may require additional investigators or attorneys. Some of the costs incurred from implementing HB 2521 may be offset by additional revenues collected from penalties against individuals or organizations that violate the bill’s provisions. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2521 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General