

January 19, 2018

The Honorable Robert Olson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Utilities
Statehouse, Room 236-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Olson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 278 by Senate Committee on Utilities

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 278 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 278 would amend existing law to expand the powers of the Consumer Counsel of the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB). Under current law, the Counsel is allowed to represent residential and small commercial ratepayers before the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) and act as an official intervenor in cases filed with the KCC. SB 278 would also allow the Counsel to represent CURB before the KCC, as well as represent CURB, residential, and small commercial ratepayers before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Southwest Power Pool or any other regional transmission organization in which a Kansas utility is a member. In addition to cases filed with the KCC, the Counsel would be allowed to function as an official intervenor in cases filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

According to the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board, enactment of SB 278 would have no fiscal effect as the requirements of the bill could be implemented from within the agency's existing resources.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Shonda Rabb, CURB