

February 22, 2019

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The Honorable Joe Seiwert, Chairperson  
House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications  
Statehouse, Room 481-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Seiwert:

**SUBJECT:** Revised Fiscal Note for HB 2109 by House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

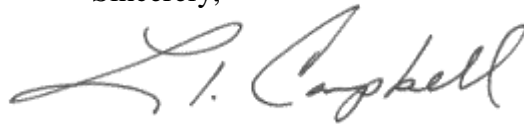
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following revised fiscal note concerning HB 2109 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law gives an electric utility the option to begin site preparation or construction of an electric transmission line or exercise the right of eminent domain to acquire an interest in land in connection with the site preparation for construction. HB 2109 would amend the law to require the electric utility to acquire a siting permit prior to beginning site preparation or construction or exercising the right of eminent domain. The bill would also require that prior to an electric utility upgrading an existing line or siting an electric transmission line on land acquired through eminent domain and originally not intended for an electric transmission the utility must acquire a siting permit from the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds	FY 2020 SGF	FY 2020 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	\$140,000
Expenditure	--	--	--	\$140,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	1.00

According to the KCC, enactment of HB 2109 would require the KCC Utilities Division to add 1.00 FTE at an estimated cost of \$84,500 annually for salary and benefits to process an average of seven permit requests/dockets per year. Expenditures related to processing permit requests, including those for salaries and wages, would be approximately \$20,000 each, for an average yearly amount of \$140,000. The KCC bills the utilities for the costs of each docket and those amounts are then recovered by the utilities from their ratepayers. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2109 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. L. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "L." and last name "Campbell" clearly visible.

Larry L. Campbell  
Director of the Budget

cc: Jake Fisher, KCC