

January 20, 2021

The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson  
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development  
Statehouse, Room 151D-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

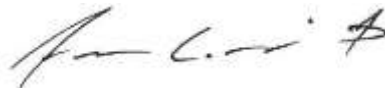
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2017 by Representative Carmichael

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2017 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, workers compensation benefits are disallowed if an employee's injury is from the employee's voluntary participation in fighting or horseplay with a co-employee for any reason, work related or otherwise. HB 2017 would specify that an employee would be disqualified from workers compensation benefits if the injury results from nonwork-related fighting or horseplay. The bill would also clarify language regarding workers compensation benefits and retirement benefits provided by employers.

According to the Kansas Department of Labor, HB 2017 would have no fiscal effect on the Workers Compensation Program. Also, the Department of Administration indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on the State Self Insurance Fund.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor  
Jeff Scannell, Department of Administration