

February 23, 2022

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Utilities
Statehouse, Room 548-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

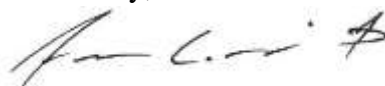
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 481 by Senate Committee on Utilities

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 481 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 481 would create the Kansas Commercial-Scale and Limited-Scale Solar Energy Conversion System Facility Health and Safety Standards Act. The bill would require approval for construction of any commercial-scale or limited-scale solar energy conversion system by the board of county commissioners of any county in which such system is proposed to be constructed. The bill would contain requirements for the application for approval, as well as standards and requirements for the solar energy conversion systems. In addition, the bill would define terms used throughout the Act.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Corporation Commission state that enactment of SB 481 would not have any fiscal effect on agency operations. The Kansas Association of Counties states there could be a fiscal effect for counties, as well as an effect on energy available during critical supply shortages, due to the lengthy and detailed requirements necessary for solar project approval. The Kansas League of Municipalities states there would be no fiscal effect on cities.

Sincerely,



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