

January 30, 2024

The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

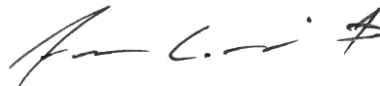
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2611 by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2611 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2611 would increase the number of voting members of the Council on Travel and Tourism from 17 to 20 by increasing the Governor-appointed members from 11 to 14, including six members that would be appointed to represent the public and eight would be appointed to represent several organizations listed in the bill. The bill would also change references from the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources to House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development. In addition, the bill would decrease the percentage of moneys granted for promotion of tourism to public entities or not-for-profit entities from 75.0 percent to 50.0 percent. The bill would also make technical corrections.

The Department of Commerce currently pays only the council members' mileage at a cost of \$200 per person. Under HB 2611, the agency would pay an additional \$600 from existing resources for the three additional members added in the bill. Legislative Administrative Services and the Department of Agriculture indicate HB 2611 would not have a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2611 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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