

January 26, 2023

The Honorable Jeff Longbine, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Longbine:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 27 by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

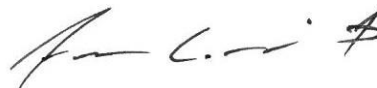
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 27 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the fee for a resident insurance agent license is \$30. The bill would require the Insurance Commissioner to set the fee in an amount not to exceed \$30. The bill would require the Commissioner to set the fee and have it published in the *Kansas Register* no later than December 1 of each year. Currently, the Commissioner could use the information obtained from background checks, fingerprinting and criminal history for the purpose of verifying the identification and fitness of the applicant to be issued a license as a resident insurance agent. The bill would require the Commissioner to use the information in determining if a license is issued.

Current law requires a nonresident agent to pay the Insurance Commissioner an application fee of \$30 and a biennial fee of \$50. Under SB 27, the application fee could not exceed \$30, and the biennial fee could not exceed \$50. Currently, a public adjuster license fees is \$100. The application fee could not exceed \$100 under the provisions of the bill. The bill would require the Commissioner to set the nonresident agent and public adjuster license fees and have them published in the *Kansas Register* no later than December 1 of each year.

The Kansas Insurance Department states that this bill would allow the Commissioner to increase and decrease fees yearly as deemed necessary to finance program operations, and therefore, the agency cannot provide fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 27 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Bobbi Mariani, Insurance Department