

February 20, 2013

The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 165-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2336 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2336 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2336 would redefine “meeting” as used in the Kansas Open Meetings Act to mean only meetings that are prearranged. The term “meeting” would not apply to gatherings of a majority of a membership of a body or agency so long as the group does not deliberate specific matters that the group expects to come before the body or agency at a later date. The term would also exclude political party caucus meetings of either house of the Legislature.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, passage of HB 2336 could increase the number of complaints filed with county or district attorneys concerning the meaning of “prearranged,” what constitutes a social gathering and what matters a body or agency could expect would come before them at a later time. However, the agency is unable to predict the number of complaints. According to the Governmental Ethics Commission, passage of HB 2336 would have no effect on the agency’s budget. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2336 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics
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