

February 14, 2017

The Honorable Carolyn McGinn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Statehouse, Room 545-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator McGinn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 161 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 161 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 161 would amend two statutes concerning the Governor's allotment authority and the Secretary of Administration's authority for implementation of allotments. Under current law, for the traditional allotment process, the Secretary of Administration acts on the advice of the Director of the Budget to implement an allotment in a manner determined by the Secretary. SB 161 would have the Secretary act in consultation with the Director of the Budget and would not have discretion as to the manner in which an allotment is implemented. The bill would require Governor, not the State Finance Council, to hear agency appeals of the traditional allotment process.

SB 161 would also remove the State Finance Council's required approval from the special allotment authority. The bill would require, instead of allow, the Governor to initiate the special allotment process upon certification from the Director of the Budget that the estimated unencumbered ending balance in the State General Fund is less than \$100,000,000. The special allotment authority does not apply to the legislative or judicial branches of state government.

It is not possible to estimate the fiscal effect of SB 161.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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