February 21, 2012

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2665 by Representative Brown

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2665 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2665 would require the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to study and investigate the possibility of creating an alternate set of management standards regarding paint and paint-related waste intended for recycling. The bill would require KDHE to work with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the public to establish the new standards. HB 2665 would require KDHE to report its findings to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate by February 1, 2013 and on February 1 of each subsequent year regarding implementation of the new standards.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicates that the bill would change paint waste from hazardous waste to universal waste. The primary fiscal effect of the bill would be to reduce the amount of fee revenue paid by Kansas individuals and businesses into the Hazardous Waste Fee Fund, which is the revenue collected by Kansas hazardous waste generators. KDHE is not able to estimate the amount of the revenue decrease, because the Department does not track the amount of paint waste that is collected by hazardous waste generators.

Sincerely,

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cc: Aaron Dunkel, KDHE