

February 11, 2011

The Honorable Ruth Teichman, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance  
Statehouse, Room 236-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Teichman:

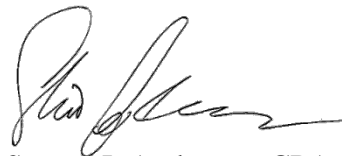
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 167 by Senator Pilcher-Cook, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 167 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 167 would enact the Health Care Freedom Act that would codify the individual right of Kansas residents to choose to purchase or refuse to purchase health insurance. The bill would state that the government is prohibited from enacting a law that would restrict these rights or punish residents for exercising either of these rights. No resident of the state who does not purchase health insurance coverage would be liable for any penalty, assessment, fee, or fine as a result of choosing not to purchase health insurance coverage. The act would take effect after its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Office of the Attorney General, the Kansas Health Policy Authority, and the Kansas Insurance Department have indicated that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.

Sincerely,



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