

May 10, 2012

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 473 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 473 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law directs the Division of the Budget to prepare a fiscal note on all legislation. SB 473 would require preparation of a fiscal note on every concurrent resolution as well. The bill further states that the fiscal note will include all costs to the state, counties, cities or school districts associated with the proposition, including the costs of publishing the resolution in local newspapers, as required by state law.

During the 2011 Legislative Session, the Division of the Budget prepared 648 fiscal notes, one for each bill introduced. There were 36 concurrent resolutions introduced that year as well, including the resolutions that provide for the logistics of the legislative session itself, establishing its deadlines. A number of these resolutions recognize individuals or groups for a recent achievement or acknowledge some event (HCR 1602), urge other governmental units to take action (HCR 5023), or make some policy statement (SCR 1613). Typically, these resolutions have no fiscal effect in and of themselves, beyond the staff time it takes to prepare, print and oversee their movement through the legislative process. Others, such as SCR 1612 which could alter future property tax collections for the state and local governments if ratified, would have a fiscal effect that would be expressed in a fiscal note.

The Division of the Budget and affected agencies, such as the Secretary of State, would absorb the additional duties required by SB 473 with current resources. It is anticipated that the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities would also absorb the

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additional work. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 473 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office
Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties
Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities
Dale Dennis, Education