

January 26, 2016

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson  
House General Government Budget Committee  
Statehouse, Room 165-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2487 by Representative Trimmer

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2487 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the rate for subsistence allowance for Legislators is either \$109 per calendar day, or the current federal per diem subsistence rate for Topeka, Kansas, whichever is higher. HB 2487 would set the subsistence rate at \$129 per calendar day, and remove reference to the current federal per diem subsistence rate for Topeka. The revised per diem subsistence rate would be in effect on the first day of the first payroll period following the effective date of the bill.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2016 SGF	FY 2016 All Funds	FY 2017 SGF	FY 2017 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	(\$170,566)	(\$170,566)
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

According to Legislative Administrative Services, the current federal per diem subsistence rate for Topeka, Kansas is \$140 per day. With the enactment of HB 2487, expenses would be reduced by \$11 per day per legislator. The agency estimates that with interim meetings, authorized meeting days, as well as a regular 90-day Legislative Session, approximately \$2,170,840 would be paid to legislators for subsistence expenses at \$140 per day during FY 2017. If reduced to \$129 per day, approximately \$2,000,274 would be paid to

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legislators, for a savings of \$170,566, all from the State General Fund. Depending on when the bill is enacted, savings could be realized in FY 2016 as well. However, estimated savings in the current fiscal year would be less than \$5,000. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2487 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Karen Clowers, Legislative Services