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The Honorable Tom Sloan, Chairperson  
House Committee on Government, Technology and Security  
Statehouse, Room 458-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Sloan:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2556 by House Committee on Government, Technology and Security

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2556 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2556 would establish the Statewide Interoperability Council, which would oversee the development and deployment of centralized interoperable communications planning and implementation capacity for Kansas. The Council would have the authority to:

1. Develop statewide policies and policy recommendations for increasing communications and interagency coordination for safeguarding and informing the public of public safety risks and operations;
2. Negotiate statewide contracts for public safety communications equipment, software, and consulting services;
3. Modify and manage the state communications interoperability plan;
4. Assess institutions and organizations that benefit from services provided;
5. Issue requests for proposals and award contracts for public safety communications technology public-private partnerships;
6. Submit a proposed annual budget prepared in cooperation with the Adjutant General, to be included in the Adjutant General's budget submission;

7. Accept any and all appropriations, donations, grants, bequests, and devices, conditional and otherwise, of money, property, services, or other things of value that may be received from the United States or any agency, person, firm, or corporation; and
8. Pursue any other opportunities to improve public safety communications as the Council deems appropriate.

The Council would be headed by the Statewide Homeland Security Director, who would appoint a Statewide Interoperability Coordinator to administer the Council's business and act on the Council's behalf. The Director would designate the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Council. The bill specifies who would be appointed to the Council. All members of the council would be required to be appointed by August 1, 2018. The first meeting of the Council would be held prior to September 1, 2018, and the council would meet once every quarter of the calendar year. Council members may receive compensation subsistence, mileage, or other associated expenses by their appointing authority, at the discretion of the appointing authority.

HB 2556 would create an Executive Committee within the Council to assist in the administration of the Council's business when the full Council is not meeting. The bill would also establish four specific topic working groups, including food and health safety, public safety, local governance, and technology innovation. The Council would submit a report each year of activities, accomplishments, and challenges to the Governor and various legislative committees specified in the bill.

According to the Adjutant General, enactment of HB 2556 would have no fiscal effect upon the agency.

The Kansas Department of Transportation states that enactment of the bill could result in additional travel expenditures; however, the agency cannot estimate a fiscal effect. In addition, the agency indicates the bill could potentially result in changes to how the agency's current 800 MHz radio system is managed and operated since the bill gives the Council all powers necessary to achieve its purpose.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment estimates additional expenditures of \$9,688 from the State General Fund in FY 2019 if HB 2556 is enacted. Of that amount, \$8,188 would be for salary and benefits for an employee to represent the agency at meetings and for travel expenditures. The agency estimates that the remaining \$1,500 would be for reprogramming and encryption of the agency's 800MHz radios.

The Board of Regents estimates additional expenditures of \$1,860 from the State General Fund in FY 2019; the Board of Emergency Medical Services estimates additional expenditures of \$4,114 from agency fee funds in FY 2019; and the Kansas Department of Agriculture estimates additional expenditures of \$1,000 from agency fee funds in FY 2019 for other operating

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expenditures related to travel expenses to attend Council and work group meetings specified in the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2556 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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