

February 27, 2019

The Honorable Bud Estes, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
Statehouse, Room 136-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Estes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 206 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 206 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 206 would require the Office of the State Fire Marshal to initiate an investigation whenever a person dies in a fire or the body of a deceased person is found at the scene of a fire. The bill would also require the chief of any fire organization to report the name and address of the deceased person to the agency immediately. In addition, the bill would allow the agency to make arrests, conduct searches and seizures and carry firearms.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal indicates that enactment of SB 206 would result in a negligible increase in workload that could be handled within existing resources. The agency states that it currently responds to most of the fatality fires in the state and the bill would not change the overall work processes of the agency. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that enactment of the bill could result in decreased expenditures for local units of government that would no longer have to expend resources conducting death investigations. However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated because the number of cases that would instead be referred to the Office of the State Fire Marshal is unknown. The Kansas Association of Counties and the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Trainings indicate that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 206 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Gary Steed, Peace Officers  
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Jay Hall, Association of Counties