

February 17, 2020

The Honorable Julia Lynn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Commerce
Statehouse, Room 445A-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Lynn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 378 by Senator Petersen

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 378 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 378 would amend the Workforce Protection Act by changing the maximum number of weeks allowed to be claimed for unemployment insurance benefits to 26 weeks, regardless of the unemployment rate. The change would be in effect from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. On July 1, 2022, the maximum number of weeks would return to current law, which is based on the Kansas unemployment rate as depicted in the table below:

Kansas Unemployment Insurance Benefits: Maximum Number of Weeks

<u>Unemployment Rate*</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Weeks</u>
Less than 4.5%	16 weeks
At least 4.5% but less than 6.0%	20 weeks
At least 6.0%	26 weeks

* Three Month Seasonally Adjusted Average

The Kansas Department of Labor indicates the bill would have a fiscal effect on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, but the Department is unable to calculate the fiscal effect because there are too many economic variables that are unknown or difficult to assess. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 378 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor