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The Honorable Clark Shultz, Chairperson House Committee on Insurance Statehouse, Room 166-W Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Shultz:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2139 by House Committee on Insurance

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2139 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Commissioner of Insurance is prohibited from approving workers compensation rates or rating plans when the annual premium is less than \$2,250, with some exceptions. HB 2139 would remove this restriction. Instead, the bill states that the Commissioner would approve rates and rate modifications, which can include application of surcharges, experience modifications, or other rating variables.

The Kansas Insurance Department states that passage of HB 2139 would have no fiscal effect on its operations.

Sincerely,

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cc: Zac Anshutz, Insurance Department