

February 23, 2012

The Honorable Virgil Peck, Chairperson  
House Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget  
Statehouse, Room 561-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Peck:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2657 by Representative Otto

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2657 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2657 would establish a Joint Committee on the Oversight of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Joint Committee would consist of three members of the Kansas Senate and four members of the Kansas House of Representatives. The Senate members would be appointed by the President of the Senate and the House members would be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The Speaker of the House would designate a member to be chairperson or vice-chairperson. In odd-numbered years, the chairperson would be a member of the House of Representatives and in even-numbered years the chairperson would be a member of the Kansas Senate. A quorum would consist of four members.

The Joint Committee on the Oversight of the State Fire Marshal's Office would have the following duties:


1. Investigate the operations of the State Fire Marshal's Office;
2. Review decisions of the State Fire Marshal affecting local governments and the private sector;
3. Review the specific statutes, codes, and rules and regulations the State Fire Marshal's Office enforces; and
4. Hold a public hearing at least annually to allow various persons or groups to comment on the operations and enforcement policies of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The Joint Committee would report to the Legislature on or before December 31 of each year any findings and recommendations concerning the State Fire Marshal's Office and may introduce legislation as necessary. Members of the Joint Committee would receive compensation, subsistence, and travel expenses when attending meetings.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$13,460	\$13,460
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

Legislative Administrative Services indicates passage of HB 2657 would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$13,460 for expenses related to four two-day meetings. The cost for one two-day meeting is estimated at \$3,365. At a rate of \$88.66 a day, per diem compensation would be \$621 per meeting (\$88.66 X seven legislators). Mileage costs are estimated at \$893 with an average of 250 miles per member at \$.51 per mile (250 miles X \$0.51 per mile X seven legislators). Subsistence expenses are estimated at \$861 (\$123 X seven legislators). Enroute expenses are estimated at \$492, with the assumption that four legislators would claim an enroute day (\$123 X four legislators). Benefits are estimated at \$115 for the legislators. A secretary for the Joint Committee is estimated to cost \$323 (\$107.79 X three days) and \$60 for benefits. The State Fire Marshal indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2657 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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