

February 11, 2013

The Honorable Dennis Pyle, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government  
Statehouse, Room 234-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pyle:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 109 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 109 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 109 would prohibit public funds from being used to pay for lobbying services or for membership dues to an association that is engaged in lobbying. The bill would not prohibit officers or employees of the state, a municipality, or an association from communicating with the Legislature about requests for legislative action or appropriation. In addition, public funds could not be used for a direct or indirect gift or campaign contribution to any elected official, officer or employee of the state or a municipality. Any individual violating provisions of the bill would be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

Enactment of SB 109 could affect state agencies and municipalities that expend public funds for lobbying the Legislature, pay dues to an association engaged in lobbying, or that give direct or indirect gifts or campaign contributions to elected officials. However, the number of state agencies or municipalities affected is not known. In addition, the bill could increase the number of cases in the local judicial system, as it creates a new class C misdemeanor. However, the number of additional cases cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 109 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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