

March 5, 2013

The Honorable Rob Olson, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance  
Statehouse, Room 225-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Olson:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 152 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 152 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, municipalities and state agencies are required to pay the health insurance premiums for 18 months under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) for the surviving spouse and eligible dependent children of a firefighter who dies in the line of duty. SB 152 would extend this benefit to eligible children under the age of 26 for both firefighters and law enforcement officers.

The number of law enforcement and firefighters who have died in the line of duty with surviving spouses and children under the age of 26 during calendar year 2012 is not known. The enactment of SB 152 would require additional expenditures for both state agencies and municipalities for additional health insurance premiums for eligible spouses and children under the age of 26; however, the amount of the increase cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 152 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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