

February 4, 2015

The Honorable Mark Kahrs, Chairperson  
House Committee on Elections  
Statehouse, Room 286-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kahrs:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2184 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2184 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2184 would change the maximum value of any economic opportunity, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, favor hospitality or service that a state officer, employee or candidate for state office would be allowed to accept from a person known to have a special interest in influencing that person from \$40 to \$80. A person with a special interest would also be prohibited from offering, paying, or giving such a gift having a value of more than \$80. The provisions of this bill would allow a legislator to accept in-state ground transportation from any organization or legislator in order to attend a meeting, program or activity of a sponsoring organization. In addition, the bill would allow lobbyists who spend less than \$100 annually to file one less report per year with the Secretary of State.

According to the Governmental Ethics Commission, passage of HB 2184 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. The Secretary of State indicates that the reduction in lobbyist expenditure reports would be negligible and would not affect the agency's ability to process or file those reports.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics  
Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office