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The Honorable Marvin Kleeb, Chairperson House Committee on Taxation Statehouse, Room 185-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kleeb:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2240 by House Committee on Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2240 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2240 would remove a provision which expressly prohibits the State Board of Tax Appeals from appointing persons employed by the Board to conduct hearings before the Small Claims and Expedited Hearings Division.

The State Board of Tax Appeals indicates it could avoid requesting an additional State General Fund appropriation of \$115,000 for contract hearing officers in FY 2016 and FY 2017 if HB 2240 were enacted. Funding for contract hearings officers, which would be required without the passage of this bill, is not included in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,

Director of the Budget

cc: Jody Allen, Tax Appeals