

March 23, 2016

The Honorable Larry Campbell, Chairperson
House Committee on Vision 2020
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Campbell:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2735 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2735 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2735 would require express warranties for consumer goods offered by manufacturers, distributors or retailers to be in clear and easy to read formats and conform to federal law. The bill would require statements to be included on warranty work orders or repair invoices that describe a Kansas consumer's rights under the warranty.

Every manufacturer, distributor or retailer making express warranties who have service and repair facilities must provide buyers with contact information for each in-state and out-of-state service and repair facility. The provisions of HB 2735 would be part of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, the agency would be authorized to investigate and prosecute violations of HB 2735 in the same manner as violations of current Kansas Consumer Protection Act statutes. While the Office would incur additional expenditures from enforcing the provisions of the bill, those costs would likely be offset by investigation fees collected from litigation. However, the fiscal effect is difficult to reasonably predict. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2735 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Willie Prescott, Attorney General's Office