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Sam Brownback, Governor

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The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs Statehouse, Room 136-E Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 45 by Senator Bruce, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 45 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 45 would create an avenue for concealed carry of handguns without a license in Kansas, without repealing the existing concealed carry handgun licensing process as a whole.

The Office of the Attorney General states that it is difficult to know what the precise effect would be on the number of concealed carry handgun initial and renewal applications but there would likely be a decline, which would reduce agency revenue. An initial license is \$100 to the Attorney General's Office, half of which goes to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for background checks. A renewal application is \$25. A sheriff's office receives an application fee of \$32.50 for each initial license application it accepts from its county. Local governments could experience a loss in revenue due to a decline in applications but that fiscal effect also cannot be determined. However, prior amendments to the concealed carry law have generated numerous requests for Attorney General issued formal interpretations of the net effects of those changes from legislators and local government entities. If the number of these requests continues to grow, the Office may need an additional attorney to handle the increased volume of opinion requests. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 45 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,

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cc: Willie Prescott, Attorney General's Office