

February 12, 2019

The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2148 by Representative Rhiley

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2148 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, school bus drivers are permitted to apply for unemployment insurance benefits when school is in session. HB 2148 would remove the reasonable assurance for school bus drivers. Removing the reasonable assurance would allow school bus drivers to apply for and receive unemployment insurance benefits when school is not in session.

The Kansas Department of Labor states that enactment of HB 2148 would have a fiscal effect because an increase in the number of unemployed persons would cause unemployment insurance benefit payments to increase. Total employment in this industry for the state averages 3,100 employees per quarter. Claims for some workers when school is in session had an average weekly benefit amount between \$202 and \$254 with total benefit amounts between \$3,181 and \$3,981. However, no information is available upon which to base an accurate estimate for what the benefit payments would be when school is not in session.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor