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The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 354 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 354 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 354 would modify the membership, appointment process, terms of service, compensation, and meeting requirements of the Kansas Fire Service Training Commission, which is housed within the University of Kansas. Under current law, the Commission consists of 12 members, all appointed by the Governor from lists of nominees submitted by various fire service organizations. The bill would restructure the Commission to retain 12 members but would change the composition to include eight members appointed by the Governor from nominees of specified fire service organizations, the State Fire Marshal or designee, the Kansas State Forester or designee, the University of Kansas Vice Provost who oversees the Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute or designee, and the Executive Director of the Emergency Medical Services Board or designee. The bill would require all Commission members to be Kansas residents and would provide that the eight gubernatorial appointees serve an initial two-year term, with subsequent terms of four years.

The bill would also change member compensation from reimbursement for mileage, tolls, and parking to a provision under which members would serve without compensation, except that members who are not state officers or employees would be compensated for attendance at Commission or authorized subcommittee meetings. Additional provisions would establish duties for the chairperson, limit the chairperson to two consecutive terms, and provide for the conduct of meetings in the absence of both the chairperson and vice chairperson.

Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, and the State Fire Marshal each indicate that enactment of SB 354 would have no fiscal effect on operations of the respective agencies, as they currently do not receive compensation for membership on the Commission.

Sincerely,

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