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The Honorable Jeff King, Chairperson Senate Committee on Judiciary Statehouse, Room 341-E Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 391 by Senator Hensley

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 391 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 391 would require a member of the Kansas Legislature who has a valid, positive test result, as outlined in KSA 2013 Supp. 75-4362, to complete a substance abuse treatment program approved by the Director of Legislative Administrative Services. Failure by a legislator to complete the program, or refusal to participate, would render the member ineligible to receive public funds for legislative compensation or expenses, until the substance abuse treatment program is completed.

Following the completion of the treatment program, a legislator would be subject to periodic drug testing. Should a member receive a second valid, positive drug screen test result, the member would again be ordered to complete another treatment program and would not receive legislative compensation or expenses for 12 months, or until the second treatment program is completed. For a third positive drug screen test result, the member's compensation and expenses would be permanently terminated.

According to the Department of Administration, the follow-up drug screenings would cost \$17 for Medical Review Officer services, and between \$15 and \$49 for collection site fees, depending on which site the member of the Legislature is sent to for the drug screening test. In addition, if the substance abuse treatment program selected by the Director of Legislative Administrative Services would be one offered through the State's Health and Wellness Program, also known as HealthQuest, there would be no additional cost to the Legislature. In certain cases involving significant or intensive treatment programs, there could be additional costs to the

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Legislature and possibly to the legislator receiving treatment. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 391 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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