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Sam Brownback, Governor

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

Dear Senator LaTurner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 226 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 226 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 226 would amend existing law to move the State Library of Kansas from the Executive Branch to the Legislative Branch. The bill would require that the State Librarian be appointed by the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC), which would have the authority to determine the salary for the position and the ability to remove the State Librarian from office by a vote of five members of the LCC.

The existing State Library of Kansas Board would be abolished by the bill and a new board, consisting of 14 members, would be created. Of the 14 members, seven would be professional librarians and would be appointed by the LCC. Four additional members would also be appointed by the LCC: one member that is a trustee of a public library, two members of the public, and one member from the Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs. The final three members would be the executive officer of the Board of Regents or the officer's designee, the Commissioner of Education or the Commissioner's designee, and the State Librarian. These last three members would be ex-officio. The bill would also make all employees of the State Library unclassified under the Kansas Civil Service Act.

According to the Legislative Coordinating Council, enactment of SB 226 would have no fiscal effect on its budget as the operating costs of the State Library and its Board would be paid from the existing State Library appropriations.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,

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cc: Barb Turner, State Library Karen Clowers, Legislative Services