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The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Statehouse, Room 223-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 394 by Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 394 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 394 would amend the definition of lobbying to include lobbying the executive and judicial branches regarding rules or regulations, utility ratemaking decisions, procurement agreements, or other contracts or loans. Any individual or organization that engages in lobbying as defined by SB 394 would be required to register as a lobbyist and submit disclosure reports. SB 394 would also increase the gift limits to \$100 for each category and would place these limits on individuals or organizations that lobby the judicial branch. Additionally, the bill would increase the expenditure limitations for meals to \$100 for executive branch employees and removes any expenditure limitation for meals provided to executive branch employees if the lobbyist is registered and properly reports the meals. SB 394 would also require lobbyists to itemize expenditures associated with lobbying the judicial branch.

The Governmental Ethics Commission (GEC) indicates that enactment of SB 394 would have a negligible fiscal effect on expenditures, which would be absorbed within existing resources. The GEC also indicates that the bill could increase revenues due to an increase in lobbyist registrations. However, the increase in revenue cannot be estimated because the increase in lobbyist registrations is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 394 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Campbell".

Larry L. Campbell
Chief Budget Officer

cc: Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics