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The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson House Committee on Federal and State Affairs Statehouse, Room 346-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2667 by Representatives Lee and Garber

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2667 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2667 would require the State Capitol to be open to the public between the hours of 8:00pm and 5:00pm on all weekdays, except on designated state holidays. In addition, the bill would require all Legislative meetings to be open to the public with no restriction on the number of members of the public present in: (1) any meeting room for any Legislative committee shall limit the number of members of the public to fewer than 15 persons; (2) the gallery of the House of Representatives shall limit the number of members of the public to fewer than 50 persons; or (3) the gallery of the Senate shall limit the number of members of the public to fewer than 50 persons. The bill would not supersede or affect the authority to recess for a closed or executive meeting and would be effective upon publication of the *Kansas Register*.

Legislative Administrative Services indicates the policies in this bill would have no fiscal effect. However, the agency notes that because the bill would be effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*, the Legislature would be billed by the Secretary of State the cost of publication, in which the current rate is \$126 for each page of a bill. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2667 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

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