

January 11, 2007

The Honorable Mike Burgess, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections and Governmental Organization
Statehouse, Room 128-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Burgess:


SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2020 by Representatives Goyle and Whitham

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2020 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2020 amends statutory definitions governing the picketing of funerals. The definition of "funeral," currently described as "ceremonies, processions and memorial services held in connection with the burial or cremation of the dead," would be changed to "any ceremony, procession or memorial service in connection with the death of a person." "Picketing" is amended to mean "protest activities or a directed protest march." Current law makes illegal any picketing "before or about" a church or cemetery. HB 2020 would replace "before or about" with 200 feet and specifies that it would be a violation of the law to obstruct or prevent the intended use of a public street, sidewalk, or other public place in connection with such picketing.

These definitional changes are not expected to have a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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