

January 17, 2007

The Honorable Jim Morrison, Chairperson
House Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Technology
Statehouse, Room 143-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Morrison:

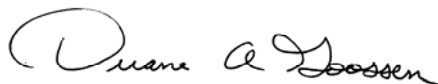
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2025 by Representative Otto

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2025 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2025 creates a new State Government Reduction Commission to study the workings of Kansas state government and recommend, by December 20, 2007, how the operation of state government can be reduced and budgetary savings realized accordingly. The new law specifies a 15-member commission: a person who has never served in state government appointed by the Governor to serve as chairperson; two persons from business or industry appointed by chairperson; six legislators with less than six years of service, one each appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the majority and minority leaders of each chamber of the Legislature; and six people from business or industry, one appointed by each of these legislators, with the restriction that no more than two of these six can be residents of Topeka or reside within 25 miles of Topeka.

Members of the Commission would be authorized to receive compensation and reimbursement for subsistence expenses for 20 meeting days plus additional days, as authorized by the Legislative Coordinating Council. Legislative Administrative Services estimates the cost of a two-day meeting to be \$7,762, using current reimbursement rates and making basic assumptions about mileage traveled and other factors. These expenses would be financed from the State General Fund budget of the Legislature. In addition, the bill provides support for the Commission from any of the legislative staff agencies. As a consequence, there would be a fiscal effect in creating the Commission in the form of staff time on the part of these agencies.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Sharon Schwartz, Legislative Services