

March 17, 2008

The Honorable Arlen Siegfried, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 161-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Siegfried:

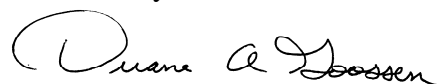
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2970 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2970 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2970 would prohibit any public demonstrations within 150 feet of any entrance to any cemetery, church, mortuary, or other location where a funeral is being held within one hour prior to the scheduled commencement of a funeral, during a funeral, and two hours after the completion of the funeral. A public demonstration would be defined as any picketing or speech that is not part of a funeral. It would also be unlawful to obstruct another person's entry or exit from a funeral or impede vehicles which are part of a funeral procession. The bill clarifies that protestors have opportunities to picket a funeral at other times that are not prohibited by the bill. Violations of HB 2970 would be a Class B person misdemeanor. The bill would take effect upon its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

HB 2970 has the potential for increasing litigation in the courts because of the new violations created by the bill. If it does, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that there would be a fiscal effect on the operations of the court system. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined. In any case, the fiscal effect would most likely be accommodated within the existing schedule of court cases and would not require additional resources. Any fiscal effect resulting from enactment of HB 2970 is not included in *The FY 2009 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Matt Sinovic, Attorney General's Office
Helen Pedigo, Sentencing Commission