

February 25, 2020

The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Statehouse, Room 151D-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2704 by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2704 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2704 would prohibit any individual who knowingly makes false statements to obtain or increase unemployment benefits from receiving unemployment benefits for five years or until the individual repays the resulting overpayment, penalty and interest. For individuals who are disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits because of leaving work without good cause or being discharged or suspended for misconduct, disqualification would begin on the effective date of the claim. The bill would remove a provision under which an individual who is recovering from illness or injury would not be disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits. The bill would remove certain restrictions on receiving unemployment benefits for individuals who are receiving pension income.

The Kansas Department of Labor indicates the bill could have a fiscal effect on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, but the Department is unable to estimate what the effect would be. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2704 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor