

February 21, 2014

The Honorable Virgil Peck, Chairperson
House Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget
Statehouse, Room 274-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Peck:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2641 by Representative Winn

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2641 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2641 would require public assistance recipients to obtain and produce a state-issued photo identification card when using benefits for any service or transaction. The photo identification card could be a driver's license or a non-driver's identification card. The bill would require any person who provides a service or transacts any business with the public assistance recipient to check the recipient's photo identification card. This requirement would take effect January 1, 2015.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2014 SGF	FY 2014 All Funds	FY 2015 SGF	FY 2015 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	(\$472,247,839)
Expenditure	--	--	--	(\$472,247,839)
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

Federal rules restrict treating Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants differently from other customers. Singling out SNAP clients by asking only them and not all customers to provide identification at the point of purchase may conflict with federal regulations. SNAP retailer operations are under the authority of the Food and Nutrition Service, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the federal government. The state does not have jurisdiction or authority to enforce this mandate. Federal law requires state electronic benefits transfer (EBT) systems to be interoperable. For confidentiality reasons, some states do not include household member names on the card. In these instances, identity verification would be impossible. However, SNAP clients must be able to use their EBT card in any state. Therefore,

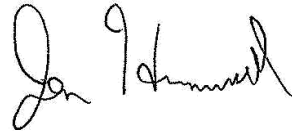
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if HB 2641 would prevent Kansas from obtaining USDA approval of the next SNAP state plan, the consequence would be a loss of \$25,718,155 in SNAP Administration matching funds and an estimated \$446,529,684 in SNAP benefits beginning in FY 2015 and every year after. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2641 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Hummell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, DCF