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February 14, 2018

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 186-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2663 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2663 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2663 would enact the KanCare/Medicaid Ombudsman Act. The bill would create the Office of the State KanCare/Medicaid Ombudsman in Topeka, Kansas attached to the Department of Administration. The Department would provide technical assistance and advice to assist the Office to function as an independent state agency. The Department would have no authority over the State KanCare/Medicaid Ombudsman or employees or volunteers of the Office with respect to the performance of any power, duty or function of the Office or the exercise of any other authority of the Office. The State KanCare/Medicaid Ombudsman would be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

The State KanCare/Medicaid Ombudsman would administer the office and hire all staff and employees of the Office. The Office of the State KanCare/Medicaid Ombudsman, in existence before the effective date of the Act, would be abolished. The bill would transfer all previous powers, duties, functions, records, property and employees, currently housed in the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, to the Office created by this Act. The employees would retain all retirement benefits and leave rights and the service of each employee transferred would be deemed continuous.

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services states that enactment of HB 2663 would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. Any funding that is currently used for expenditures would be transferred to the Office.

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The Department of Administration anticipates that enactment of HB 2663 would result in \$1,000 of moving costs. Any assistance provided by the Department of Administration would be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2663 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Campbell".

Larry L. Campbell
Chief Budget Officer

cc: Colleen Becker, Department of Administration
Cody Gwaltney, Aging & Disability Services