

February 11, 2022

The Honorable Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

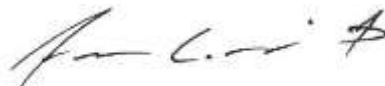
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 469 by Senator Sykes

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 469 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 469 would remove the prohibition on persons convicted of a felony drug offense from being able to receive food assistance. The bill would also remove the requirements related to drug testing for food assistance eligibility. The bill would prohibit a person from being denied food assistance solely because of a drug related conviction has been added.

SB 469 would allow persons convicted of drug offenses to be eligible to receive food assistance benefits. The Department for Children and Families estimates that the bill would increase the food assistance caseload by an average of less than 50 cases per month, the current average monthly caseload for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is over 97,000 cases. Food assistance benefits paid to individuals are 100.0 percent federally funded and are passed through the agency directly to the beneficiary. Therefore, the benefits paid would have no fiscal effect on the agency.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Children & Families