

February 21, 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 490 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

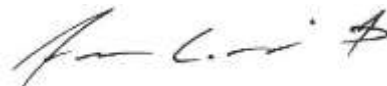
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 490 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 490 would amend the Newborn Infant Protection Act by defining “infant refuge crib,” and allow someone to surrender an infant who is 60 days old or younger to an employee at a medical care facility without a court order. Participating facilities would be required to install an infant refuge crib and a dual alarm system connected to the location of the crib that must be tested daily and weekly. It would also make a relinquishing parent immune from civil or criminal liability if the relinquishing parent voluntarily delivers the infant to an infant refuge crib.

The Office of Judicial Administration, the Department for Children and Families and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicate that SB 490 would have no fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch or either state agency, respectively.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that if an infant crib were installed at a location, counties could see some costs associated with installation of the cribs. The Association also states that there is no requirement that a facility must have this type of crib, so a county could choose to have this available or not. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates SB 490 would increase expenditures of cities that install refuge cribs.

Sincerely,



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