January 28, 2011

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for HB 2081 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2081 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2081 would require every special hospital to provide 24-hour emergency services. The bill would also establish definitions for “emergency medical condition,” “emergency services,” and “special hospital.”

The Board of Emergency Medical Services indicates there could be a fiscal effect if the parameters of HB 2081 include emergency medical services such as ambulance transport. If so, for every “special hospital” there would be a requirement for a licensed ambulance service providing coverage at all times. The fee for an ambulance service permit is $100 and $40 for a license for each ambulance vehicle. The Board is unable to determine additional revenue that could be generated from additional ambulance fees so a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined at this time. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2081 is not reflected in The FY 2012 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc:  Steve Sutton, EMS
     Pat Kuester, Health & Environment