

February 3, 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 2094 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2094 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2094 would allow a child to be exempt from required immunizations or inoculations for reasons of conscience or personal beliefs. The parent or guardian must provide a written statement declaring the exemption. Religious and medical exemptions are currently allowed by statute.

The Department of Education indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on its operations. The Department of Health and Environment estimates that the bill would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$63,149 in FY 2012 for an additional FTE position and related operating expenses, and by \$10,000 in FY 2014 to update the immunization database. The expenditures are described in the table below:

Salaries and wages for 1.00 FTE position	\$57,576
Office equipment one-time expense	2,100
Telephone and network charges	1,200
In-State travel	1,000
Out-of-State Travel	<u>1,273</u>
Total agency estimate for FY 2012	\$63,149
Modify the KSWebIZ database in FY 2014	\$60,000

The Division of the Budget agrees that the programming updates would be required; however, it is not clear why the vendor would charge \$60,000 to add three new fields to the database, and why it would take two years to perform that task. In addition, it is not clear why the agency would need a new position and operating expenditures to handle the record-keeping

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and follow-up for the children of parents who want to opt out for conscientious reasons. There are staff currently in place to keep track of the other cases; it would seem reasonable that existing staff could handle the additional types of cases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Pat Kuester, KDHE
Dale Dennis, Education