

February 10, 2011

CORRECTED

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

Dear Representative Landwehr:

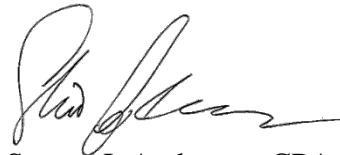
SUBJECT: Corrected Fiscal Note for HB 2129 by Representative Landwehr, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following corrected fiscal note concerning HB 2129 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2129 would enact the Health Care Freedom Act that would codify the individual right of Kansas residents to choose to purchase or refuse to purchase health insurance. The bill would state that the government is prohibited from enacting a law that would restrict these rights or punish residents for exercising either of these rights. No resident of the state who does not purchase health insurance coverage would be liable for any penalty, assessment, fee, or fine as a result of choosing not to purchase health insurance coverage. The act would take effect after its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Office of the Attorney General and the Kansas Insurance Department have both indicated that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. A request for fiscal information has been sent to the Kansas Health Policy Authority; however, a response has not yet been received.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Zac Anshutz, Insurance
Scott Brunner, Health Policy Authority
Meagan Pinegar, Attorney General's Office