February 16, 2011

The Honorable David Crum, Chairperson
House Committee on Social Services Budget
Statehouse, Room 50A-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Crum:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for HB 2258 by Representative Johnson

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2258 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2258 would authorize the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services to convey certain real estate located in Ellsworth County to the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society.  The bill includes the legal description of the property.

The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) states that according to the Department of Administration, Juvenile Justice Authority, Kansas Department of Corrections, and Ellsworth County government offices, the property is not currently deeded to SRS. Ellsworth County indicates that the property was deeded to the Evangelical Good Samaritan Society in 1959 as part of 156.8 acres in total operated by the Society.  When the land was sold in 1959 by the State Board of Social Welfare (now SRS), the state kept the mineral rights and a reversionary interest in the property.  Under the existing deed, the property would automatically revert to SRS should the Good Samaritan Society sell the property or use it for a different purpose.  HB 2258 would allow the Good Samaritan Society to transfer or sell a portion of the property without restrictions.  SRS indicates that passage of HB 2258 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

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cc:  Dan Lewien, SRS