

February 10, 2016

The Honorable Connie O'Brien, Chairperson
House Committee on Children and Seniors
Statehouse, Room 187-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative O'Brien:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2556 by Representative Claeys

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2556 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2556 would amend the Grandparents as Caregivers Act by lowering the eligible age for grandparents and other relative caregivers from 50 to 40 years of age. The bill would also require that children cared for under this Act be certified as foster children for purposes of qualifying for free and reduced school lunches.

The Department for Children and Families states that children in these homes are already eligible for assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF), which also makes them categorically eligible for free school lunches. In addition, there is no age restriction for caregivers under TANF. Therefore, HB 2556 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, Children & Families