

April 29, 2016

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Statehouse, Room 521-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2702 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2702 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2702 would require the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to establish an Independent Home and Community-Based Services Ombudsman to provide advocacy services to actual or potential recipients of home and community-based services under the Kansas program of medical assistance. The Ombudsman would be hired on a contract basis, and could not be an employee of KDHE, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) or any other aging and disability resource center which has a contract with KDADS. Funding for the contract would be subject to appropriations. The bill would take effect after its publication in the statute book.

The passage of HB 2702 would require the elimination of the KanCare Ombudsman position and support staff at KDADS. Current annual salary and benefits for the Ombudsman and support staff totals \$168,000; however, program management costs are included in a contract with Wichita State University and no KDADS state funds are used. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has been contacted regarding the fiscal effect of HB 2702. At this time, the Department is unable to estimate any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of the bill. If further information regarding the fiscal effect of the bill is received by the Division of the Budget, a revised fiscal note will be issued. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2702 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Aaron Dunkel, Health & Environment  
Brad Ridley, Aging & Disability Services