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The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson House Committee on Health and Human Services Statehouse, Room 352C-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2327 by Representative Lee-Hahn

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2327 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2327 would prohibit county Boards of Commissioners, Boards of Trustees, and employees from infringing upon residents' rights to receive and refuse visitors in county homes for the aged and county hospitals. The bill would permit residents and patients to waive restrictions imposed to control transmission or prevention of an infectious disease.

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services indicates that HB 2327 would have no fiscal effect on the agency because it does not license or operate any county homes for the aged or county hospitals. The Kansas Association of Counties states that if the lack of oversight by the county overseeing these facilities would result in a liability for the county, there could be a significant fiscal effect for the county. However, the effect on county expenditures cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties Connie Hubbell, Aging & Disability Services Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment