

February 19, 2014

The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chairperson  
House Committee on Insurance  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwab:

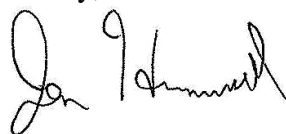
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2531 by Representative Rubin, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2531 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2531 would require health plans to provide services for autism spectrum disorder in the same manner as any other medical services for individuals under age 19. There would be a limitation for applied behavior analysis services of 40 hours per week, unless the services were deemed medically necessary.

The Department of Health and Environment states that HB 2531 would expand the coverage for autism spectrum disorder offered in the State Employee Health Benefits Plan (SEHBP) by removing the current annual dollar limit on services. The agency states that expenditures for these services could increase. If revenue were needed to cover the cost of this expansion, it would be generated through an increase in employer contributions and employee premiums. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2531 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Interim Director of the Budget

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