

February 3, 2025

The Honorable Cyndi Howerton, Chairperson  
House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 152-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Howerton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2132 by House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

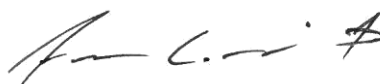
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2132 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2132 would modify the definition of neglect and prohibit the removal of a child from a child's home due solely to a lack of financial resources. The bill would require facts of imminent harm due to a lack of financial resources and demonstration of more than one fact of the lack of financial resources. The bill would also permit the court to consider the participation of parents in services when determining whether a child would be removed from the child's home.

The Department for Children and Families indicates that enactment of HB 2132 would have no fiscal effect on the agency.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of HB 2132 could have a fiscal effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch. The bill's provisions require additional findings and items for the court to consider in certain cases. Nevertheless, until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of HB 2132, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures by the Judicial Branch cannot be given. The bill would not have a fiscal effect on revenues to the Judicial Branch or State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2132 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary  
Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families