

February 16, 2025

The Honorable Francis Averkamp, Chairperson  
 House Committee on Welfare Reform  
 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 152-S  
 Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Averkamp:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2358 by House Committee on Welfare Reform

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2358 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2358 would require able-bodied adults and work registrants without dependents under six years of age to participate in an employment training program as a condition of receiving food assistance.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>Expenditures</b>			
State General Fund	--	\$448,409	\$656,957
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	439,097	647,726
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$887,506</b>	<b>\$1,304,683</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>
FTE Positions	--	5.00	5.00

According to the Department for Children and Families, enactment of HB 2358 would increase the number of persons who must participate in an employment and training program in

order to receive food assistance. Currently, food assistance recipients with dependents under the age of 18 are not required to participate.

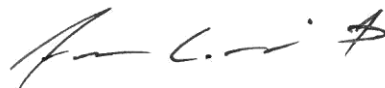
The bill would increase the number of individuals required to participate in a program to receive food assistance benefits. It is estimated that there are 10,901 current work registrants with a child aged 6-17 not participating in an employment and training program. It is estimated 10.0 percent of the required individuals would participate in the program at a total cost of \$497,280, including \$248,640 from the State General Fund, for FY 2026 and a total cost of \$917,280, including \$458,640 from the State General Fund, for FY 2027 and beyond. Participant costs would require a 50.0 percent state match. Those choosing not to participate would not be eligible for continued food assistance. However, children and others, who could be exempt or were meeting requirements, would continue to be eligible for food assistance benefits. Food assistance benefits are 100.0 percent federally funded. All changes to work requirements related to food assistance would require federal approval. Additional state funding could be needed to obtain approval for these changes.

DCF states that to meet the projected increase in caseload, an additional 4.00 Human Service Specialist positions would be anticipated. These positions would be assigned cases to manage and ensure work requirements are being met. The cost for the additional positions would include salary, fringe benefits, and other operating expenses totaling \$321,446, including \$160,723 from the State General Fund, for FY 2026 and \$319,232, including \$159,616 from the State General Fund, for FY 2027. These costs would be slightly adjusted in the out-years.

DCF also states that a non-compliance coordinator position would also need to be added. This position would assist with determining “good cause” and issuing penalties. There is currently one position performing these duties. The cost for the additional position would include salary, fringe benefits, and other operating expenses totaling \$68,780, including \$39,046 from the State General Fund, for FY 2026 and \$68,171, including \$38,701 from the State General Fund, for FY 2027. These costs would be slightly adjusted in the out-years.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2358 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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