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The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson House Committee on Appropriations 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2386 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2386 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2386 would change the current household income eligibility requirement for the Kansas Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) from 250.0 percent of the 2008 federal poverty level to 250.0 percent of the current federal poverty income guidelines. The bill would eliminate provisions related to loss of coverage for non-payment of premiums.

The bill would also remove the current eight month waiting period requirement from the program for newly enrolled participants with a family income over 200.0 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines that previously had comprehensive health benefit coverage through another policy.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment states that enactment of HB 2386 would bring the statute in line with current practice and no fiscal effect is anticipated. Program expenditures for the CHIP program in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report* include eligibility of up to 250.0 percent of the current federal poverty income guidelines.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget