

February 19, 2025

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 271 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

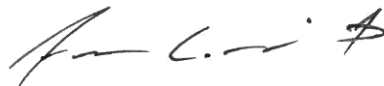
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 271 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 271 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 SB 271 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

cc: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment