

February 10, 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:

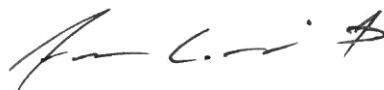
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 88 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 88 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 88 would require additional training for any state long-term care ombudsman. Specifically, the required training for a long-term care ombudsman would include memory care for people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The bill would also require training to include knowledge of person-centered dementia care, how to refer patients in memory care to resources, and how to communicate with people with Alzheimer's and dementia. The purpose of the training would be to improve the assessment of the quality of care being given to those residents and advocate for them.

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services indicates that enactment of SB 88 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. The Department of Administration states that if the Long-Term Care Ombudsman would be allowed to provide the training, there would be no additional fiscal effect for enactment of the bill. However, if the Office would be required to bring in an outside provider, there would be costs of hiring a consultant and hosting an educational event.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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