

February 14, 2011

The Honorable Bob Bethell, Chairperson
House Committee on Aging and Long Term Care
Statehouse, Room 55C-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Bethell:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2110 by House Committee on Aging and Long Term Care

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2110 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Existing law concerning the state Long-Term Care Ombudsman requires that the person in this position serve as an advocate of residents in facilities throughout the state. HB 2110 would include the Kansas Soldiers Home and Kansas Veterans Home as two of those facilities. In addition, the bill would create the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Advisory Committee on Advocacy Options within the Home. This committee would be composed of 11 members as follows: the state long-term care ombudsman and six members appointed by the ombudsman, and of the six, at least one member who is a provider of services to non-licensed facilities; at least one member who is a recipient of services from non-licensed facilities; at least one member who is a citizen advocate for the elderly; and three additional members the ombudsman believes would be suitable to serve on the Committee. Of the remaining four members, one would be appointed by the Attorney General, one by the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services, one by the Secretary on Aging, and one by the Kansas Health Policy Authority. The bill indicates the duties of the Committee, how often it would meet, and what would constitute a quorum.

HB 2110 does not make provisions for the Committee members to receive any compensation, or travel expense reimbursement. According to the Kansas Department on Aging and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, any other expense occurring as a result of the passage of HB 2110 would be paid for out of existing resources.

Sincerely,



Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Pat Higgins, Administration

Sara Arif, Aging