

February 21, 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 2296 by House Committee on Aging and Long Term Care

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2296 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2296 would establish a nine-member joint oversight committee to review information from the Kansas Facilities Closure and Realignment Commission for the closure of Kansas Neurological Institute (KNI). The joint committee would review data concerning community placement costs and would have oversight of the savings resulting from the closure of KNI. The committee would ensure that any proceeds resulting in the successful transfer of individuals from KNI be applied to the home and community-based services system. The Committee would be required to meet prior to August 1, 2011, and would be required to submit a written report at the beginning of each regular legislative session on the number of individuals transferred from KNI to home and community-based services, as well as the concurrent average daily census in state institutions and long-term care facilities.

HB 2296 would establish the KNI Community Conversion Conservation Fund in the state treasury to be administered by the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). All savings resulting from transferring individuals from KNI to home and community-based services would be deposited in this fund. The Secretary of SRS would determine the savings attributable to the transfers and would certify the amount to the Director of Accounts and Reports. The Secretary of SRS would be required to certify these amounts to the joint committee on a quarterly basis.

The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services states that implementation of HB 2296 could be handled within the agency's existing resources. The Legislature estimates that if the Committee meets only the four times required by HB 2296, the cost would be approximately \$26,184 from the State General Fund. However, the bill does not place a cap on the number of

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meetings the Committee may hold. Each meeting is expected to cost \$6,546 and includes expenses related to mileage, subsistence, per diem, and salary and wages for a secretary to staff the meeting. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2296 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

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

cc: Dan Lewien, SRS  
Jeff Russell, Legislative Services