

February 29, 2012

The Honorable David Crum, Chairperson
House Committee on Social Services Budget
Statehouse, Room 050-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Crum:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2538 by House Committee on Children and Families

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2538 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2538 would authorize the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to reimburse grandparents for the cost of caring for grandchildren when they are placed directly with the grandparents by the court at a dispositional hearing. The bill would limit the reimbursement to the maximum rate foster care parents receive under similar circumstances.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$14,263,899	\$14,263,899
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	1.00

SRS estimates that of the 22,547 Kansas children living with grandparents who are responsible for their care, 1,867 would be eligible for these payments. At an annual rate of \$7,665, payments would total \$14,310,555. In addition, one caseworker at a salary of \$52,344 would be required to oversee the new program. None of these expenditures would qualify for federal participation, so the total additional cost to the State General Fund would be \$14.3 million. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2538 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Jackie Aubert, SRS