

March 1, 2012

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

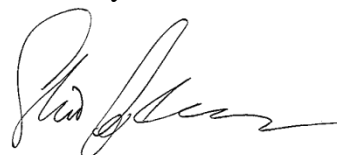
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2744 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2744 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2744 would require all medical care facilities licensed in Kansas that provide emergency care to sexual assault survivors to amend the evidence-collection protocols for the treatment of sexual assault survivors. The protocol would have to include the provision of timely information about the availability of emergency contraception as a means to prevent pregnancy. The bill would also require the facilities to provide education on the proper use of emergency contraception and the appropriate follow-up care. Emergency room staff would have to be trained on the efficacy of emergency contraception and its time-sensitive nature. The bill would also encourage licensed pharmacies and organizations that offer victim assistance, counseling or rape hotlines to provide or have available information concerning the availability and use of emergency contraception.

The Department of Health and Environment states that HB 2744 could require the development of regulations as well as modifications to the health care facility inspections checklists. These activities would be part of ongoing program activities and would not result in greater program costs.

Sincerely,



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