

February 20, 2013

The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 165-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

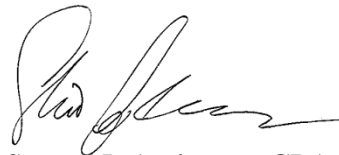
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2254 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2254 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

House Bill 2254 would require hospitals to secure allegations of paternity from women giving birth, and provide those allegations to the Department for Children and Families (DCF) in all cases where a legal father is not known. The bill authorizes DCF to file paternity actions and take medical judgments for birth costs based on the information provided by the hospitals in cases where a child is born and there is not a legally presumed father, and where DCF paid out medical expenses related to the birth.

The passage of HB 2254 would have no fiscal effect because DCF is currently authorized to bring such recoupment actions and regularly does so.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, Children & Families  
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