

January 24, 2014

The Honorable Connie O'Brien, Chairperson  
House Committee on Children and Seniors  
Statehouse, Room 187-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative O'Brien:

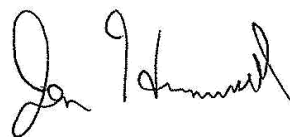
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2450 by House Committee on Children and Seniors

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2450 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2450 would modify a common legal standard used in several different statutes that address child welfare. The bill would change the "best interests of the child" legal standard to the "least detrimental alternative for the child."

The Office of Judicial Administration states that HB 2450 would have no fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch. The Department for Children and Families states that HB 2450 would affect the Child Support Services Program and Prevention and Protection Services programs. The agency could absorb the immediate costs of revising agency forms and documents. However, the bill's effect on child welfare service levels and child support collections cannot be accurately estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2450 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,  
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, DCF  
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary