

March 19, 2014

The Honorable Ron Ryckman, Jr., Chairperson
House Committee on Social Services Budget
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Ryckman:

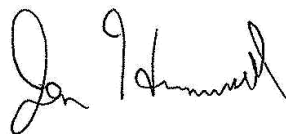
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2603 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2603 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2603 would require the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to establish a program of charity health care within the limits of appropriations. The Secretary would be charged with adopting rules and regulations, and could enter into agreements with health care providers who would agree to render no less than four hours per week of professional health services to indigent persons. Should there be any claims for damages related to the rendering of or failure to render services, the claims would be limited to actual damages with no allowance for punitive damages. The Secretary of KDHE would be required to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the level of charity care provided.

A request for fiscal information regarding this bill has been sent to KDHE; however, a response has not yet been received. Once information is provided by KDHE regarding potential administrative expenses resulting from this bill, a revised fiscal note will be issued.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Aaron Dunkel, KDHE