

January 24, 2014

The Honorable Mary Pilcher-Cook, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pilcher-Cook:

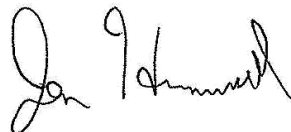
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 302 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 302 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 302 would make surrogate parenting contracts void and unenforceable. The bill would create an unclassified misdemeanor for being involved in, inducing, arranging or assisting in the formation of such a contract. A conviction for this new crime would be punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that since county jail time could be ordered for violations of the Act, there would be a fiscal effect for counties. However, because an estimate of how many persons would be convicted of this crime cannot be made, it is not possible to estimate the additional costs. The Association also notes that if the surrogate is the person serving time, counties would be responsible for the medical costs of the pregnancy and child birth in addition to usual jail expenses. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 302 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Melissa Wangemann, KAC
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Cathy Brown, Healing Arts