

May 5, 2015

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2324 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2324 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2324 would enact the Newell Stillbirth Research and Dignity Act. The act would require the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), in consultation with the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, the State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Healing Arts, to develop and prescribe by rules and regulations comprehensive policies and procedures to be followed by general hospitals and freestanding birth centers in Kansas when a stillbirth occurs.

The State Board of Healing Arts indicates that HB 2324 could increase the number of complaints it receives regarding practitioners alleged to have violated requirements of the Act. However, an estimate of the fiscal effect cannot be made at this time. Administrative requirements placed upon KDHE and other state agencies by the Act can be performed within existing resources.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Aaron Dunkel, Health & Environment
Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts
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Max Foster, Behavioral Sciences
Glenda Haverkamp, Insurance