

February 16, 2017

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 2295 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2295 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2295 would require all televisions and receivers meeting certain requirements and located in public areas of places of public accommodation to have closed captioning enabled while the place of public accommodation is open and accessible to the public. Violations of the provisions of the bill would be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100. For places located in the incorporated city limits, a city's police department would be responsible for enforcement of the provisions. For places located within an unincorporated territory, a county's sheriff's department would be responsible. In addition, the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing would be required to assist local governments with technical consultation and support of policies and procedures, as requested.

The Department for Children and Families, which houses the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, indicated enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on state expenditures or revenues. However, depending on the number of violations encountered, local governments would be required to enforce provisions of the bill, including any civil penalties. However, the fiscal effect on local governments cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, Children & Families