

February 13, 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 2299 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2299 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2299 would establish an independent Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Ombudsman program. The Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment would be required to contract with either Kansas Legal Services or the Disability Rights Center of Kansas to provide advocacy services for recipients of HCBS services. The bill would be subject to appropriations.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2018 SGF	FY 2018 All Funds	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	\$376,658	\$753,316	\$376,658	\$753,316
FTE Pos.	--	(3.00)	--	(3.00)

Currently, a KanCare Ombudsman and 2.00 support staff positions are housed within the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). Enactment of HB 2299 would eliminate the need for these positions, resulting in a savings in salaries and wages for KDADS totaling \$188,184, including \$94,092 from the State General Fund in both FY 2018 and FY 2019.

In Kansas, there are nearly 25,000 HCBS waiver members who would be eligible for the independent ombudsman program. If the Kansas program was passed into law and funded at the

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level set out in SB 160 of 1.00 FTE position for every 2,500 HCBS members, the appropriation would be approximately \$941,500 from all funding sources, including \$470,750 from the State General Fund. Salaries and other operating expenditures for each of the 10.0 positions are estimated at \$94,150. This cost estimate is based on information received regarding a similar program in Wisconsin. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2299 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
Cody Gwaltney, Aging & Disability Services