

February 1, 2018

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 186-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2590 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2590 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2590 would require the Secretary of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) to provide oversight and monitoring of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and its activities. The monitoring would include an assessment of how the program is performing all of the functions, responsibilities and duties set out in state and federal regulations.

The bill would provide additional detail regarding what constitutes “conflict of interest” and the inclusion and definition of “residential representative.” The bill contains additional requirements surrounding ineligibility for appointment to, or to hold the office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, as well as required experience to be eligible for appointment as the long-term care ombudsman.

The bill would also require the review and maintenance of the statewide system that collects and analyzes information on complaints. The Volunteer Ombudsman would be given the same authority as the Ombudsman to access all records and documents concerning the resident.

According to KDADS, enactment of HB 2590 would not have a fiscal effect on the agency.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Cody Gwaltney, Aging & Disability Services