

February 14, 2022

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2617 by House Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2617 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law allows all individuals, including adopted individuals 18 and older, who have a “direct interest” to obtain records of deceased immediate family members. HB 2617 would amend the Uniform Vital Statistics Act by permitting an adopted individual to obtain birth, marriage, divorce, stillbirth, and death certificates on deceased biological immediate family members. The bill would also establish a process for individuals to inspect vital records.

The Department for Children and Families and the Office of Judicial Administration indicate that HB 2617 would have no fiscal effect on the agency or the Judicial Branch.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment estimates that HB 2617 would have a fiscal effect on expenditures and revenue for the Vital Statistics Program. The agency estimates expenditures would increase by \$200,892 and revenue would decrease by \$5,400 from agency fee funds. The expenditures would include \$96,816 for an additional 2.00 FTE positions salaries and fringe benefits and \$104,076 for other operating expenditures for FY 2023.

This process would affect the Vital Statistics Fee Fund by reducing the number of certificates ordered by an estimated 1.0 percent or \$5,400. A fraction of the money collected on specific certificates is distributed to the Family and Children Investment Fund and the Child/Coroner’s Autopsy Fund. These two groups would also be impacted financially when

certificate orders decrease. This loss of revenue could result in a need for a fee increase for the cost the public pays to obtain certified vital records. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2617 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Children & Families
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary