

April 13, 2021

The Honorable Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 445A-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

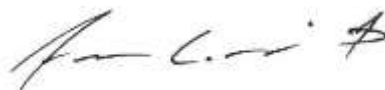
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 237 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 237 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 237 would require the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to establish a task force to develop a plan to measure and report uncompensated care provided by Kansas healthcare providers and hospitals when reimbursement for care is not collected. The task force would be established in coordination with the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Medical Society, the Community Care Network of Kansas and other private and public stakeholders. The task force would be required to submit a report to the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare, or any successor committees, on or before January 9, 2023, and on or before the first day of the legislative session each subsequent year.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicates the bill could require additional expenditures to conduct the study of uncompensated care, compile the report and provide support to the task force. However, the amount of additional expenditures is unknown. It is estimated that the fiscal effect likely could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment