

March 25, 2021

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

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

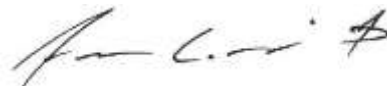
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 303 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 303 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 303 would prohibit county commissioners, boards of trustees or employees from restricting visitors of residents of county homes for the aged or patients in county hospitals. The bill would also permit residents and patients to waive city, state or federal restrictions of visitors that are imposed to control transmission or prevention of an infectious disease.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that SB 303 could have a fiscal effect on counties in the form of reduced federal revenue if a county home or hospital were determined to be outside federal guidance because of waiving federal restrictions on visitors. If this occurred, it could create licensure issues, which could also jeopardize funding and operations. There could be additional costs for staffing and potential liability for the county if residents or patients that did not waive the federal restrictions were affected by other residents making the waivers. However, the effect on county expenditures cannot be estimated. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect on municipalities.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Wendi Stark, League of Municipalities
Jay Hall, Association of Counties