

February 6, 2023

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

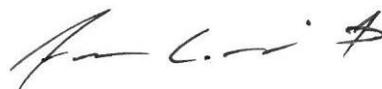
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2161 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2161 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2161 would create the Patient Right to Visitation Act. The bill would make definitions and establish requirements for in-person visitation in certain circumstances at patient care facilities. Facilities would be required to establish or revise policies and procedures that comply with the Act prior to September 1, 2023. The Department of Health and Environment would be required to provide information on the agency's website that explains the requirements of the Act with a link to report complaints against patient care facilities alleging violations.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), enactment of HB 2161 would not have a fiscal effect on the operations of either agency. KDADS notes that both agencies are required to provide regulatory oversight and enforcement of participation standards to providers that participate in the Medicaid and Medicare programs which are subject to federal requirements. If provisions of the bill were to come in conflict with federal requirements, the federal share of provider payments and provider agreements could be at risk.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment
Leigh Keck, Department for Aging & Disability Services