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The Honorable Susan Concannon, Chairperson
House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 152-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Concannon:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2377 by House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2377 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2377 would require the Office of Vital Statistics to waive fees on birth and death certificates ordered by the Department for Children and Families and the court related to a child in need of care proceedings.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) indicates that HB 2377 would have a fiscal effect of annual loss of revenue of $98,160. The Department for Children and Families (DCF) indicates that the bill would result in a reduction of expenditures of less than $2,500 annually. The Division of the Budget notes that the KDHE estimate for lost revenue is based on historical data for all DCF requests for birth and death certificates. DCF's interpretation of the bill is that the fees for certificates would be waived only in child in need of care cases.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that the bill would not have a fiscal effect on expenditures but would have a fiscal effect on revenues to the Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch receives a portion of fees for birth certificate copies. If there is no fee charged for birth certificate copies in these cases, it would result in a decrease in revenue. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2377 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,
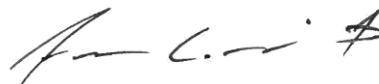
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