

January 31, 2005

The Honorable Jim Morrison, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 171-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Morrison:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2137 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2137 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2137 would impose new requirements in state law for school districts to follow in making food choices accessible to students. Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year, all school districts would be required to make all of the food product offerings in vending machines accessible to students of an elementary or middle school healthy food alternatives. The bill defines healthy food alternatives as including, but not limited to, bottled water, milk, 100.0 percent fruit juices, dairy products, fruits, or vegetables. Healthy food alternatives would not include foods of minimal nutritional value, as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the National School Lunch Program. For vending machines in high schools, 50.0 percent must be healthy food alternatives. In that same year, all teachers would be prohibited from using candy as a reward or incentive.

Enactment of HB 2137 would not require any additional state appropriation to the Department of Education. These new requirements would be managed by the school districts, at their expense.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Department of Education