

February 8, 2005

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

Dear Representative Morrison:

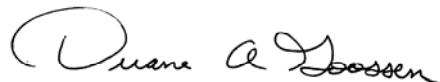
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2153 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2153 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2153 would amend current statutes related to the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman. The bill would require that the Long-Term Care Ombudsman refer all complaints of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a resident of an adult care home to the Secretary on Aging. Current law requires the Ombudsman to refer such complaints to the Secretary of Health and Environment. In addition, the bill would require that the Ombudsman collaborate with the Department on Aging to establish a statewide system to collect and analyze complaints and conditions in facilities, and would require the Ombudsman to forward copies of reports relating to the health and safety of residents of adult care homes to the Secretary on Aging. Current law requires the Ombudsman to collect and analyze this information with the Department of Health and Environment and the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

The Department on Aging indicates that the passage of HB 2153 would have no fiscal effect as the Long-Term Care Ombudsman has already assumed the responsibilities listed in the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane A. Goossen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Duane A. Goossen
Director of the Budget

cc: Marty Kennedy, Dept. on Aging