

February 15, 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 2208 by Representative Pottorff

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2208 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2208 would create a task force to evaluate strategies for the prevention and treatment of obesity. The task force would be composed of 13 members as follows:

1. Eight members appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), including one member of the public school system, one employer, one member of a local development agency, one member of the food industry, one member of a community-based nonprofit agency serving a community with a high incidence of obesity, one member of a community-based nonprofit agency serving children and youth, and one health care provider who is an expert in obesity prevention and treatment.
2. One member of the Kansas Senate appointed by the Senate President.
3. One member of the Kansas Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.
4. One member of the Kansas House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House.
5. One member of the Kansas House of Representatives appointed by the House Minority Leader.

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6. One member appointed by the Governor.

The Secretary of KDHE would appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson and provide staff and operating materials for use by the task force. The task force would establish rules and procedures, and members attending meetings would be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage, and reimbursement for other expenses related to task force activities. The task force would be responsible for considering a broad range of public and private options in order to make recommendations for an integrated, statewide plan to prevent and reduce the incidence of obesity. Prior to releasing a final version of a report detailing prevention and treatment strategies to the Governor and the Legislature, the task force would be required to hold at least three public hearings in various parts of the state at which members of the public could testify. A draft of the report would also be released for public comment. All meetings of the task force would be subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

The fiscal effect of HB 2208 would be limited to compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage, and other expenses for the task force members. However, it is not known at this time how many meetings would be held or how many members would be attending each meeting. Therefore, an accurate estimate of the bill is not possible. Any fiscal effect of the bill would be in addition to amounts recommended in *The FY 2006 Governor's Budget Report*.

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: Aaron Dunkel, Health & Environment
Sharon Schwartz, Legislative Services