

February 21, 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 2417 by Representative Ballard, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2417 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2417 would establish the Council on Obesity Prevention and Management within the Department of Health and Environment. The Council would be in existence from August 1, 2005, to March 31, 2007, and would have the following responsibilities:

1. Collect and analyze data regarding the extent to which children and adults suffer from obesity;
2. Estimate the cost savings of implementing a comprehensive statewide obesity prevention and management model and consider the feasibility of awarding tax incentives for work sites which promote activities to reduce obesity;
3. Establish a resource databank containing information about obesity and related subjects;
4. Recommend enhanced funding for effective prevention and management programs and services, including recommendations for changes to statewide elementary and secondary curricula and clinical education curricula in medical, nursing, and other schools of higher education;

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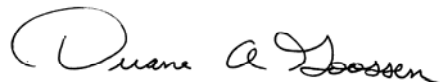
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5. Recommend increased education and awareness among physicians and other health care professionals;
6. Consider a state campaign to increase public awareness of the need for early prevention and management of obesity;
7. Utilize information from the Centers for Disease Control and other federal agencies and coordinate activities among state agencies.

The first meeting of the Council would be held on or before October 1, 2005, and the Council would have quarterly meetings. All members would serve without compensation, and the Council would submit a report that includes a comprehensive statewide plan to the Governor, the House Health and Human Services Committee, and the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee prior to the start of the 2007 Legislative Session. The Council would have 26 members, including officials from state agencies, health-related and education associations, members of the Legislature, and the Governor's staff.

It is estimated that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect since members would serve without compensation. It is not possible to estimate the cost of materials and reports, although those costs would be spread among all members of the Council.

Sincerely,



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