February 12, 2019

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 352-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2077 by Representative Houser

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2077 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2077 would require all individuals admitted to an inpatient treatment facility to be evaluated for risk to attempt suicide. A treatment facility would be defined by the bill as any private treatment facility, community mental health center or clinic, crisis intervention center or psychiatric hospital, including Osawatomie and Larned State Hospitals, and other hospitals that maintain psychiatric units.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) indicates enactment of HB 2077 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. KDHE further indicates it is standard practice for facilities identified in the bill to evaluate individuals admitted for risk to attempt suicide. The Department for Aging and Disability Services estimates enactment of HB 2077 may have a fiscal effect on the agency. However, the agency is unable to estimate the fiscal effect because the number of individuals who would be considered at risk and any associated costs required for increased monitoring and assistance are unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2077 is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Cody Gwaltney, Aging & Disability Services
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment